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NAZIS ABANDON NARVIK: FACING BIG ARMY AT OSLO

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from a Norwegian news agency office at Bodoe, the German troops have abandoned Narvik and are taking refuge in the difficult country north and east of Narvik. Whether or not the British forces have landed is not yet known.

HARDY'S MEN DIED FIGHTING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that the casualties aboard the British destroyer Hardy, which participated in the naval action at Narvik, totalled two officers and 14 ratings killed, two ratings missing believed drowned and three officers and six ratings seriously injured.

The officers casualties were as follows:—

Captain B. A. Warburton-Lee, killed.

Lieutenant O.P.W. Cross, killed.

Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Gordon-Smith, seriously injured.

Paymaster Lieutenant G. H. Stanning, seriously injured. Temporary Surgeon-Lieutenant A.P.H. Walind, seriously injured.

ALLIES IN NARVIK

Report Unconfirmed, But Believed True

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—While there is no official confirmation or comment available on neutral reports that Allied troops have landed at Narvik, or the German reports that a large Allied expeditionary force is on the high seas, the B.B.C. to-day made a significant broadcast urging Norwegians to inform the nearest Norwegian or Allied quarters regarding the movement of German warships, troops or aircraft.

King's Promise

It is expected that the veil will be lifted soon on further details as to what Allied activities are being taken to supplement King George's assurance that the Allies are sending help to Norway.

These activities presumably could not be fulfilled without an expeditionary force.

It has also been revealed that Mr. Chamberlain, in the middle of March, told the House of Commons that an Allied emergency expeditionary force of 100,000 men was then available and ready to go to the aid of Finland.

In London it is thought that there is no reason to suppose that this force has not been held in readiness since for any emergencies.

RATIONING IN DENMARK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Radio-Copenhagen announces that the Danish Trade Minister has issued a decree stopping the manufacture of margarine and lard for the time being.

All further sales of margarine will be rationed as from to-day, each person to receive half a pound per day until May 1.

French Laud Narvik Operations

PARIS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—On the occasion of the Narvik operations, M. Paul Reynaud sent a telegram to Mr. Chamberlain, reading: "The French nation shares the British feelings of admiration and gratitude for the Royal Navy, which has just added a page to the glory of its record and inflicted a defeat on the enemy which will never be forgotten."

Military circles describe the Narvik operations as a very severe blow to Germany and Hitler himself. At least one third of the German Navy is now said to have been destroyed. It is believed here that the Germans have not more than 35,000 troops in Norway. They are mainly concentrated around Oslo, and are operating in three directions.

All France Thrilled

PARIS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—All France is thrilled and overjoyed at the news of the brilliant action of the British Navy at Narvik which is splashed on the front pages of all Paris newspapers.

"Nelson must be chuckling in his grave" was the comment of the man in the street, while the typical comment in official quarters was: "In a few hours the British Navy has shattered a bagful of Goebbels' slogans."

A semi-official statement emphasises the strategic importance of Britain's action in the North Sea and the Baltic. It says that the attempt of the Reich to occupy Norwegian ports has proved to be a very great error. Nothing now prevents the Allies from doing as they like whenever they want to in the North Sea.

The British Admiralty has proved that Hitler's traditional surprise tactic is only a bluff from the moment he meets his first resistance.

20,000 Attacking Nazis

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—Exchange Telegraph from Stockholm reports that 20,000 Norwegians are attacking the German forces at Oslo.

Germans Retreat

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from Stockholm, following fighting at Eidsvold, 49 miles northeast of Oslo, the Germans are reported to have been forced to retreat to the south. The despatch adds that over 1,000 Norwegian refugees crossed the Swedish frontier during the night.

On Defensive, Nazis Admit

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The second phase of the German operations in Norway is bound to be a phase of defence," stated an announcer in an official German wireless last night.

He was announcing a High Command communique for the first time. The utmost was done to break the Narvik news gently to the German public. The announcer introduced it by saying that "the British attack on a large scale was repelled by our navy forces at Narvik which succeeded in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

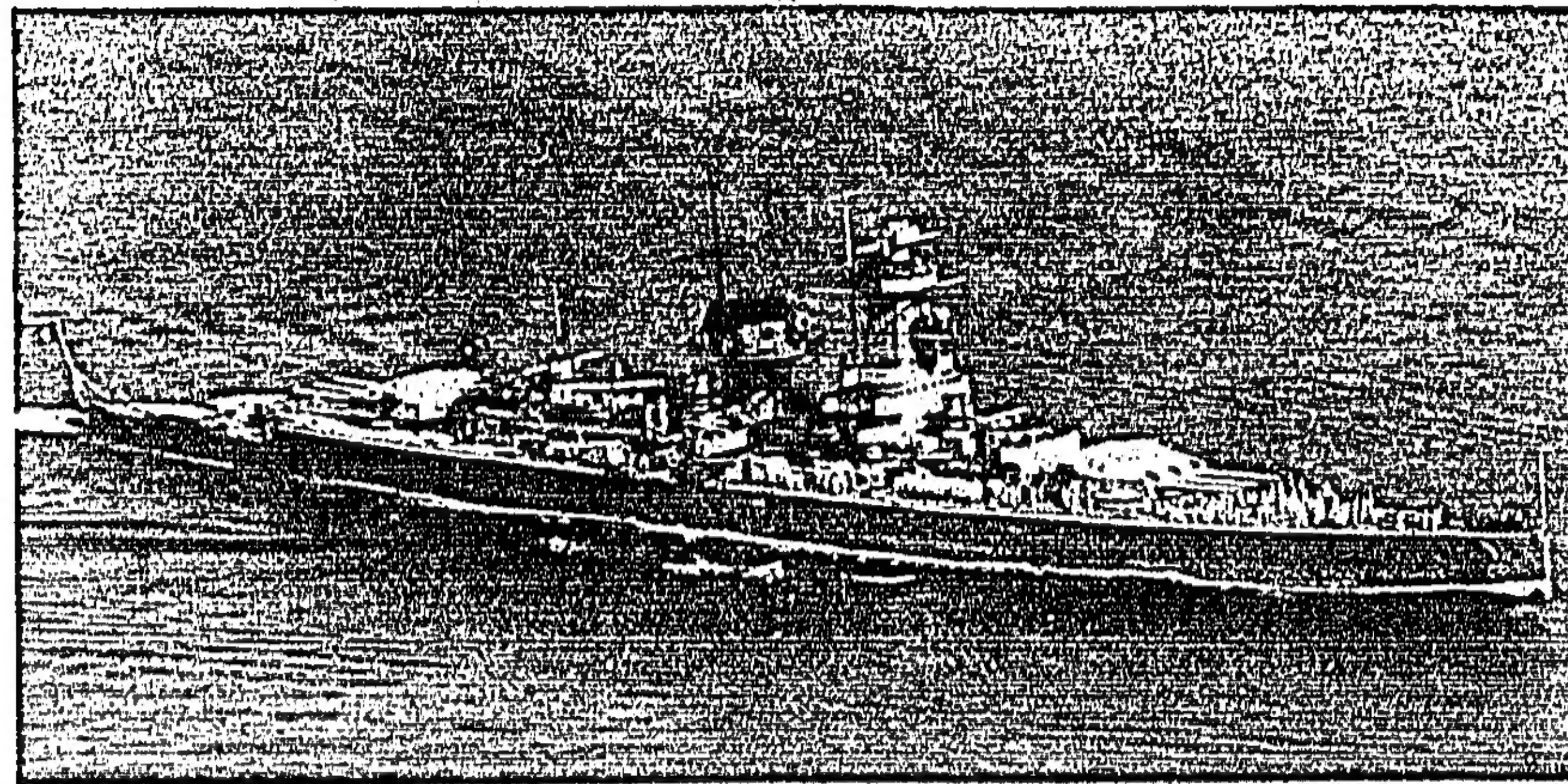
Volunteers Arrive

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Norwegian General Staff has announced that Swedish and Finnish volunteers have arrived at the front in Norway.

The Norwegian naval headquarters claim that three German planes were shot down and the crews, numbering ten, were taken prisoner.

The Norwegian communique adds that German reinforcements are being flown from Oslo to Trondheim.

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Sir George Cunningham Buchanan, the internationally known engineer associated with big harbour, dock and river works in South Africa and South America.



THE POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL SCHEER.

DUTCH FEAR OF INVASION BECOMES HEIGHTENED

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Dutch uneasiness was intensified over the week-end by the sensational emphasis laid by the Nazi Press on the American newspaper's suggestion that British troops might be en route to Holland, and also by a German news agency message accusing the Dutch Press of lying about the torpedoing of the Arendskerik.

JAPANESE THREAT

Warning To Be Issued To Third Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Japanese Government is closely watching the situation in Europe.

Authoritative sources declare that Japan is concerned over reports that the Netherlands may become concerned.

The Government is planning representations to other Powers, declaring that Japan will not welcome any extension of hostilities to the western Pacific, and that she is prepared to take counter-measures if her representations are disregarded.

The Government's warning will be conveyed either through the Foreign Office or through Japan's diplomatic representatives abroad.

Official quarters are silent regarding reports that Japan may seize the Netherlands East Indies if Holland is invaded by Germany.

Another Raid On Stavanger

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that at dawn again to-day British aircraft made a low flying attack on Stavanger aerodrome, the hangar and runway.

A number of enemy aircraft were damaged.

A further attack was made on the enemy in Hafslojd where a number of seaplanes which were moored on the water were machine-gunned. The enemy machine-gun post was silenced.

INGENIOUS MOVE BY SWEDES

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Swedish authorities have adopted an ingenious device to prevent enemy planes from landing in Sweden.

Motor vehicles are being spread over the aerodromes, and these will prevent planes from landing. However, they will not stop Swedish machines from landing or taking off as when such occasion is required, the motor vehicles will be driven to the edge of the fields, and after Swedish planes have landed or taken off, the cars will again be placed on the fields.

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SAGA OF NAVAL WARFARE OFF NORWAY'S COAST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 15 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY THAT THE 10,000-TON GERMAN "POCKET BATTLESHIP" ADMIRAL SCHEER WAS TORPEDOED ON THURSDAY.

The Admiralty announcement does not reveal the fate of the German ship.

It states, however, that she was struck by more than one torpedo.

The Admiral Scheer is a sister-ship of the Admiral Graf Spee, which was scuttled off Montevideo after the Battle of the Plate, and is believed to be the only remaining ship of her type in the German Navy, since the British authorities previously claimed that one of the "pocket battleships" had been destroyed in previous naval and aerial action. This would be the Deutschland.

Truant Sinks Karlsruhe

It is now revealed that the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which was sunk on Tuesday, was the victim of a British submarine and not Norwegian coastal batteries.

The submarine concerned was H.M.S. Truant, sister-ship of the famous Thetis. Sinking of the Karlsruhe by H.M.S. Truant is officially confirmed to-day in an Admiralty communique. The German High Command has already admitted the loss of this cruiser.

Admiral Swims Ashore

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Fairly conclusive evidence that the German warship sunk recently in Oslo Fjord was the Gneisenau and not the Blücher is supplied by reports from Berlin that Admiral Carls and several naval and army officers of high rank were forced to swim ashore after the sinking.

Men of this high rank would only be in command of a major capital warship.

It is also significant that the Norwegian claim that the Gneisenau was sunk has not been denied by Berlin.

Nazi Claim Denied

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—On inquiry here it is learned, says an authoritative statement, that the German claim that a British cruiser of the Glasgow class was torpedoed in the North Shetlands is entirely devoid of foundation.

Great Work By Submarines

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique states that some indication of the highly successful work under extremely dangerous conditions of the British submarines during the past week can now be given.

The German pocket battleship, Admiral Scheer, was successfully attacked by the submarine Sparfish in the early hours of Thursday morning last.

It is probable that the Scheer was hit by more than one torpedo. H.M.S. Truant torpedoed and sank a German cruiser, believed to be the Karlsruhe on Tuesday last. The sinking of this cruiser has already been announced and admitted by the Germans.

Other Successes

Other successes include the sinking of the following German transport and supply ships:—the tanker, Postonia, 3,911 tons; the August Reonhardt, of 2,593 tons; the Krett of 2,339 tons; the Rio de Janeiro, of 5,201 tons; the Ionio, of 3,102 tons; the Antra, of 2,593 tons; the Memorandum, of 321 tons, and an unknown German ship of about 4,000 tons.

Also on April 10, two more unknown German ships were sunk and four other ships in convoy were hit by torpedoes, the results of these being unknown.

In addition the Alster, of 8,145 tons, has been captured and three destroyers—Friesland, Nordland and Blankenburg—have been brought into a British port. All these ships are in addition to six supply ships, and the Ravensfels which was sunk off Narvik by the Second Flotilla Destroyer on Wednesday last as an- PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

BLOCKADE COMPLETE

British Mine Entire German Coastline

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced that the Allies have completed the mine blockade of the whole German coastline.

This has been achieved by extending the minefield into the Baltic which has heretofore been regarded by Germany as her private sea.

Kattegat A Mass Of Mines

The minefield includes all the Kattegat which was not previously mined, plus all the Baltic south of the Kattegat in the west and south of a line drawn from the southernmost part of Sweden to the Prussian border in the east.

However, the Admiralty emphasised that the mines have not been laid in Swedish territorial waters.

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| Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th April. | Apr. 17 |
| Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th April. | Apr. 17 |
| Hai Phong | Apr. 17 |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, date 10th April. | Apr. 18 |

OUTWARD MAILS

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
R. ALVES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 20th April to 30th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1940.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY, Manager.

14 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

CRY MEANT BETRAYAL --HE DIED

RATHER than warn the Germans of the presence of his raiding party, a French officer allowed himself to sink in an icy stream and drown without a cry for aid.

The officer—according to the French account he "proved himself by this act equal to the purest hero of ancient times"—was a member of a Colonial regiment. Waking and sleeping, they had been living a week with their fingers at the trigger.

Proved His Courage

A doctor in civil life, the hero had for many years carried out researches in Africa. In tropical diseases. He came at war's command to serve his regiment on the Western Front.

Many times he proved his courage. When, on the night of his death, his Colonialists planned a daring raid on German posts, they had to cross a flooded stream.

The officer requested the honour of being first to land on the enemy bank. He was entrusted with the task of discovering the best place for advance and retreat.

Finding a canoe he crossed, despite the violent current and the presence of German look-out men.

Dragged Down

On his way back the canoe sank. Undeterred, he plunged into the river and swam over, carrying a rope which he tethered to the German side as a guide for the raiding party.

Then he began his swim back to the French side. He succeeded by his efforts and the speed of the stream, he was drawn into a strong undercurrent.

A cry would have brought several men to his aid. But that cry would have given the alarm to German watchers. It was never given.

Instead, the heroic officer was drawn below the water to his death. Unconscious of the raiding party, the German sentries maintained their watch—in vain.

WEST POINT HOLD-UP

Chinese Threatens To Blow Up General Store

With a threat to blow up the shop if he did not receive the money he wanted, a Chinese on Saturday morning successfully obtained \$8 from a general store in Water Street. However his success was short-lived for shortly after the West Point Police arrested him.

When searched the man was found to be in possession of four hand grenades and a bayonet. When he first entered the store he demanded a high sum of money but was given only \$8 by the shop keeper.

Pro-Nazi Broadcaster Condemned

MOTHER AND GIRL GRIEVE FOR A TRAITOR

PARIS. FRANCE'S "most tragic women"—a grey-haired grandmother and her young grand-daughter—have been driven temporarily to renounce the world through the shame of a Frenchman's treason.

Air Gate-Crasher Is A Nazi

POST OFFICE and B.B.C. experts are now satisfied that the "New British Broadcasting Station," which gate-crashed on the air, is radiating from Germany.

Listeners who have studied the propaganda it broadcast believe that it is Nazi-inspired. Its wavelength is 50.63 metres. Though transmitting on low power, its messages reached the country clearly and with little interference.

A Real Job

The steadiness of the reception showed that the broadcasters were not using a mobile transmitter, but a permanent unit with many technical refinements impossible on a "pirate" transmitter.

A full record of what was said was made by the B.B.C. Monitor Service. "We address ourselves," said the unknown voice, "to every Britisher who loves his country, no matter what party he belongs to."

Then the announcer went on to make the usual type of Nazi attack on Britain.

Waiting

The Monitor Service men were again waiting to record the transmission. It is suggested that the station has been introduced to counteract the failure of the regular German broadcasts in English.

Hamburg and Bremen have recently shown such complete lack of originality in propaganda work that even the Germans themselves must have realised it.

They are the mother and daughter of Paul Feronnet, broadcaster of pro-Nazi and anti-French propaganda from the Stuttgart radio station.

Feronnet has been publicly proclaimed a "traitor to the Fatherland" in his native village of La Bataille, in Western France.

And, overwhelmed by grief at his treason, the two women have sought refuge and forgetfulness in a neighbouring convent.

A third woman, his former wife, has hidden her identity in remarriage.

"Trumpet & Drum"

Feronnet's assistant and collaborator, Obrecht, formerly known as Jacques Saint Germain, an obscure actor, has likewise been declared a "traitor to the State."

The declaration at La Bataille of Feronnet's treason was made with solemn old-time ceremony of "trumpet and drum."

The "town crier" read the proclamation to the villagers before placing it on the walls.

In surrounding villages, and in the various suburbs of Paris where the two traitors had lived from time to time, the proclamation has also been affixed to public walls.

Feronnet, the former Berlin correspondent of two Paris newspapers, carried on Nazi propaganda in France.

Boast Came True

He returned to his native village, last year with a new German wife, telling in a luxurious motor-car. But his mother and daughter whom he had abandoned refused to see him.

His notoriety as a Nazi agent had already become known in his village. Feronnet then boasted that he would become famous. "One day France will be talking about me," he said.

His boast has come true. France talks about him—but as a traitor.

Told Ten Year Old Love Secret—Then Died

AS a girl, aged fifteen, stood singing in the choir of Minster Church Thanet, every Sunday morning, a young schoolboy sat watching her from the congregation.

He was Robert Clarke who, when he knelt to pray, asked that one day the pretty little choir girl would be his wife.

Margaret Barclay, the little girl, never guessed his secret. But when they grew up they were parted. Robert joined the Australian contingent of the R.A.F. Margaret became a nurse.

Not till war broke out did they hear of one another again.

For Robert, a Squadron-Leader had not forgotten his childhood sweetheart.

From a friend at the place where he first met her, he found out where she was living, and wrote asking her to become his wife.

He reminded her of the Sunday mornings in the little church, other children they played with, and told how he fell in love at first sight.

But Margaret could not remember him.

After she had received his letter she had a phone call from him at Aldershot. He told her that he was being sent to France, and asked her to wait for him.

"I will bring a wedding ring with me when I come home on leave," he told her.

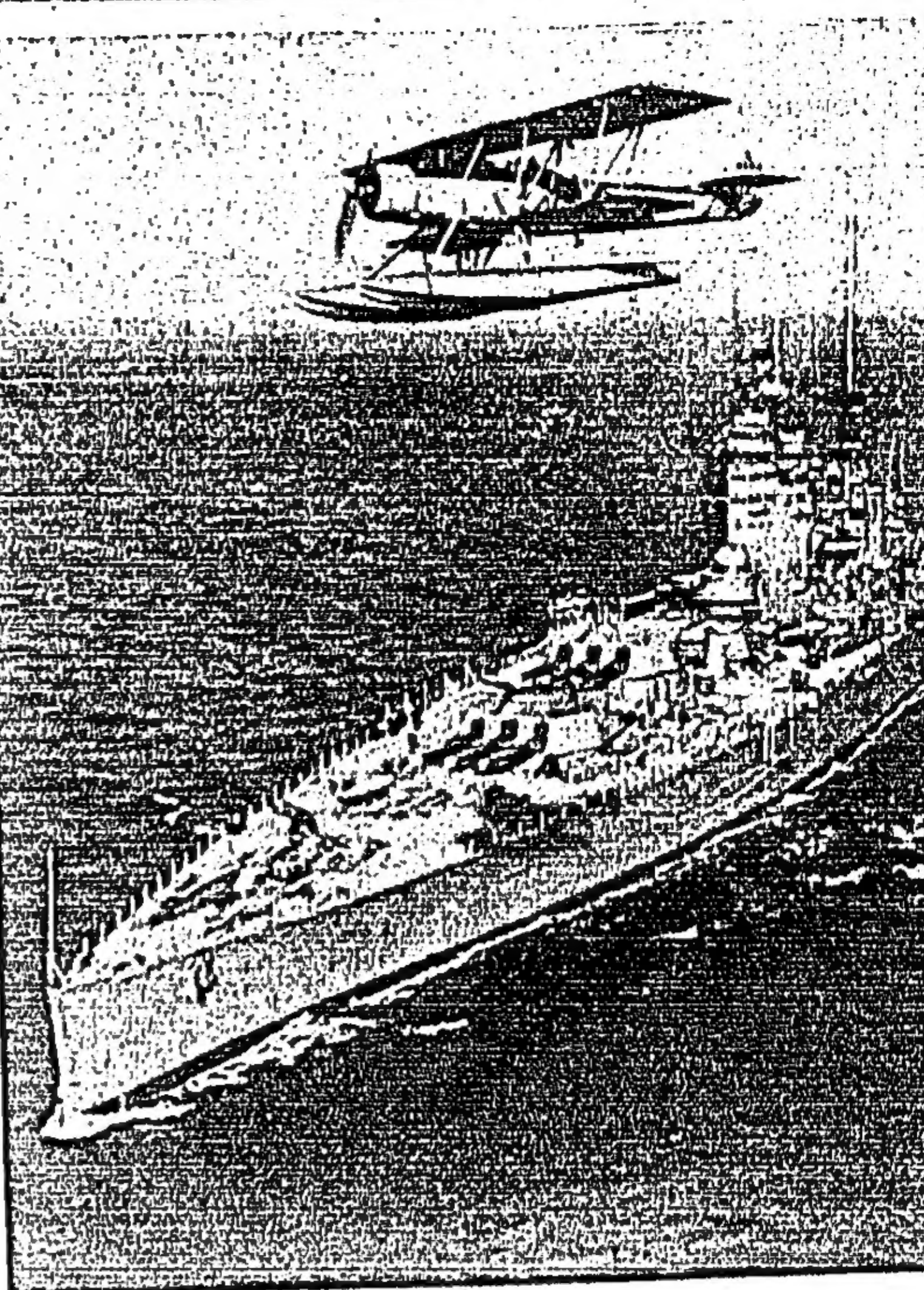
Only a few days after he had gone his commandant sent a message to say he had crashed and was dangerously ill.

Died Unexpectedly Margaret prepared to leave her job and go to his side, but another message arrived shortly afterwards saying he was slightly better, and she was not to worry.

Directly after she had heard he was better another message followed to say he had died suddenly.

"It would have been nice to have seen him just once," Margaret, who is now twenty, told me. She is a nurse at a Greenwich hospital.

The Watch Over The North Sea



A BLACKBURN "SHARK" torpedo-carrying plane over H.M.S. Nelson "somewhere in the North Sea."

Won Three Dog Fights, Gets D.F.C. "MAGNIFICENT COURAGE"

SQUADRON-LEADER ANDREW D. FARQUHAR, hero of three air battles in which Heinkel bombers were brought down on Scottish soil, was decorated by the King recently.

He received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The investiture took place at an aerodrome in Scotland which the King visited after decorating eight officers and men of the Royal Navy at a Scottish dockyard.

Farquhar won the D.F.C. for shooting down a raider single-handed at North Berwick early this month.

Magnificent Dash "He has led his squadron with magnificent dash and courage on several occasions," states the Air Ministry account of his gallantry.

While on patrol in a Vickers Spitfire he sighted the Heinkel, followed it into a cloud, and, sighting it again in a clear patch, gave a burst with his machine-guns.

Though he expended only a small amount of ammunition, his fire was so accurate that both engines of the raider were put out of action and it had to land.

During the German raid on the Firth of Forth on October 16, he chased one of the raiders over the roofs of Edinburgh.

Four Days Ago He was also the leader of the squadron that shot down the first enemy raider to fall on British soil, the Heinkel that came down on the Lammern Hills, near Dalkeith, on October 28.

It was the same Auxiliary Air Force squadron that crashed a Heinkel near St. Abb's Head, Berwickshire.

Farquhar, in his Spitfire, followed the raider down, but was too late to prevent the Germans destroying it. The Naval men decorated by the King were: Comdr. L. A. K. Boswell, who received the D.S.O.; Lieut-Comdr. D. L. Sumner, who was given the D.S.C.; Petty Officer H. Flavell, acting Petty Officer H. G. Maundrell, and Chief Petty Officer R. W. Fox, R.N.R., each of whom received the D.S.M.

Details of the deeds which had won these medals were not announced.

LEAVING FOR HOME Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Edwards Given Farewell Party

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Edwards, who will be leaving Hongkong shortly, were entertained at a farewell party at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home yesterday, by the English Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edwards has been an active social worker, having done much for the fighting forces in knitting and orphans.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were presented with a clock as a souvenir. Rev. J. E. Sandbach and Mr. J. H. Gelling, Circuit Steward, spoke in appreciation of what Mr. and Mrs. Edwards had done and the esteem in which they were held by the church.

Left Her Lover In Nazi Camp

A 19-YEAR-OLD girl typist who went to Vienna with her sweetheart in August has been back alone after months as a prisoner of the Nazis.

I met her as she stepped ashore here. She is Miss Dorothy Hughes, a tall brunette, whose home is at Battersea Park-road, S.W.

Her fiancé is Robert Saunders, still in a Nazi camp at Nuremberg. This is her story as told by people with whom she had travelled home.

40 In A Cell She and her fiancé arrived in Vienna four days before war broke out.

Mr. Saunders was arrested and sent to an internment camp five days after war with England started. "I stayed on in the hotel," she said, "knowing nobody, lonely and unable to speak the language."

On December 1 the police took me to prison. "I was put with 40 other women in a small cell. It was horrible. We slept on mattresses on stone floors. The food was nothing more than black bread and sour soup."

Became Ill "After a time I was moved to another cell with only eight girls. They were all political prisoners."

Miss Hughes became ill. A few days ago she was moved to Berlin, and then allowed to leave for home.

With Miss Hughes were 34-year-old Miss Edith Bagot-Hart, from Munich, and Miss Lucy Baker-Bell, a 71-year-old teacher from Poland.

Miss Baker-Bell, whose family's home is at Bexleyheath, Kent, lived in Poland for 32 years. "There is nothing there now but plunder and murder," she said.

CANADIAN G.O.C. IS ALDERSHOT C.-IN-C.

General McNaughton, G.O.C. Canadian troops, has taken over the supervision and administration of the entire Aldershot command.

He will be in charge for the next six days while Lieutenant-General Broad is away on short leave.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think you're getting gypped on that hand lotion. May your hands ain't any softer than before."

How Submarine Starfish Was Lost

ALL ESCAPED BY DAVIS HATCH

AMSTERDAM. THE first authentic account of the loss of the British submarine Starfish, which with the Undine, sank while on patrol in the Heligoland Bight, was given to-day by Miss Mary Breckenridge, of the Columbia Broadcasting system.

Miss Breckenridge said that during a visit to a camp for Allied prisoners of war in Central Germany she spoke to survivors from the submarines—it will be recalled that both crews were saved—and that from one of the men of the Starfish she heard the story of their misadventure.

The Starfish, she was told, lay on the bottom for nine hours, unable to move.

Eventually, after the Germans had dropped 32 depth charges, it was impossible to escape. The aftermost ballast tank was then emptied. This brought the boat's stern above the surface. The whole crew got out through the Davis escape hatch, and

Among British prisoners in the castle are men from Borneo, Canada, Singapore, New Zealand, India and South Africa.

[Davis rescue apparatus enables men to rise to surface from flooded escape hatch when pressure equals that of sea outside submarine. Standard in British Navy since 1934.]

Nitro-Glycerine Explosion Devastates London Outskirts



(Left) Policemen held up everybody who wanted to go near the scene of the explosion. (Above) A platoon of soldiers marching to the factory to form a guard.

MILES OF HOUSES, works and green-houses were rocked, smashed and made windowless by the nitroglycerine explosion at the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Above (left) you see one of the injured men being taken from the Royal factory, and above is a view of nearby greenhouses in which 5,000 panes of glass were shattered by the blast of air which followed the explosions.



GAOL, £500 FINE, FOR RACKETEERS

WAR contracts racketeers are likely soon to face the penalty of two years' imprisonment and a £500 fine.

The exact method of stopping this war-time scandal is now being considered by the Government. An early announcement is expected.

The Ministry have warned firms not to listen to intermediaries who think that they have a special pull in Government departments. Commissions for introductions are definitely frowned at by the Government.

There are still people who think that they possess a particular and irresistible line of approach. They are about to receive a rude shock.

COMPANY RESULTS

Macao Electric Lighting To Pay \$1.50 Dividend

The following report will be submitted to the shareholders at the annual meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, 2nd Floor, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

After charging \$131,737.09 for depreciation, there remains a net profit for the year of \$328,801.80 which, together with \$135,351.72 brought forward from the year 1939, has been carried to the credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

It is proposed to deal with the balance of \$460,243.52 as follows:— To pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 80,000 shares, \$120,000; to pay a bonus of 50 cents per share on 80,000 shares, \$40,000; to pay to the Government of Macao 5% on the amount distributed as dividend and bonus in terms of Clause 16 of the Extension Contract, \$9,000; To transfer to General Reserve, \$160,000; to carry forward unappropriated, \$120,243.52.

The Directorate

The present Directors are Messrs. N. G. Beale, Fu-tak-lam, F. J. Gellion and H. N. da Silva. Mr. Fu-tak-lam joined the Board since the last meeting and his election requires the confirmation of the shareholders. In accordance with the Articles, Mr. F. J. Gellion retires by rotation but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Under Article 113 of the Company's Article of Association, the Directors' remuneration is fixed at \$1,000 per annum each or such other as the company in general meeting may from time to time determine. In view of the expansion of the company's business, it is considered that the Company should increase such remuneration to \$1,500 per annum each and a resolution to increase such remuneration accordingly will be placed before the meeting.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

MINING DIVIDEND

Word has been received from Manila to the effect that Mines Operations Inc. have declared an initial dividend of half a centavo payable on May 7.

AIR RAID DAMAGE

Terrific Bombardment On Shayuchung

Walchow, Apr. 14.

Another terrific aerial bombardment was carried out yesterday afternoon in Shayuchung, Kweichung, and Tifuk, areas, south-west of Walchow.

At 10.15 a.m. a squadron of five Japanese naval planes took to the air from warships in Blue Bay and flew over Shayuchung where they released a number of bombs and sprayed the town with machine-guns. Later, the squadron bombed Kweichung and Tifuk, and scouted over Tamshui, the gateway to Walchow. During a two hours' flight over Po On and Walchow, over forty bombs were dropped, the majority on Shayuchung.

No fewer than 120 casualties resulted, while between 20 and 30 shops and dwelling houses in Shayuchung were demolished. About two dozen wounded citizens were conveyed to Taipei en route to Kowloon, where they were sent to hospital. A steamer which was making for Shayuchung returned to British waters immediately after receiving information of the attack and anchored off Pingchow Island, off Tifuk. After the Japanese left a few of the passengers landed at Shayuchung, but most of them returned to Hongkong by the same steamer.

It is stated that some of the Japanese bombs were incendiaries, which scored direct hits on goods piled on the shore ready to be loaded on steamers for Hongkong.

Rumours of another Japanese landing at Po On are in circulation.—Woh Kiu Yat Po.

WOMAN'S FATHER WENT TO GENERAL ABOUT MAJOR

AS the jury left the box after a libel case at Chester Assizes, one member asked Mr. Justice Stable what were the Seventh and Tenth Commandments.

The Judge replied that, subject to correction, he believed they were "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife."

Mrs. Blanche Agnes Gristwood (70), of Sandon Road, Newton, Chester, and Miss Greta Marion Stewart (22), a typist, of

On Postcards

The libels, according to the prosecution, were on postcards addressed to the major at his mess.

The first dated on or about September 20, 1939, read: "To which woman will you assign your Army allowance. To your wife, to your mistress near the camp, or to the mistress left in Chester?"

The second postcard dated October 16 said: "Seventh and Tenth Commandments. Ever read?"

A third dated November 14 read: "A fellow is pretty low who comes between what might be a happy couple, especially when they have a baby. I wish it could be understood that men who get women into trouble don't make honest women of them if they marry them. The whole thing is futile."

Mr. J. B. Eldon (prosecuting) said that Mrs. Gristwood had a daughter, Mrs. Judith Lucy Shone, who was married, and a mother.

Mrs. Shone had known the major for a number of years. He served in the last war and married in 1915. Many years ago he and his wife parted.

In 1939 Mrs. Shone and the major went away together. In February of last year Mrs. Shone left him and returned to her husband, but she was now living with the major again.

Major Coombs, replying to Mr. Bertram Reece (for Mrs. Gristwood) said his wife was 15 years older than he and they parted after continuous quarrels.

He declared he first met Mrs. Shone innocently in 1925.

General Sympathetic

Frank Gristwood, father of Mrs. Shone, said Major Coombs refused to see him, so he got in touch with the general officer-in-chief commanding the Western Command.

"The General, stated Mr. Gristwood, was very sympathetic and said that it was a matter regarding discipline in the Army."

He instructed Colonel Brown, the Officer Commanding Major Coombs, to see Coombs.

Mr. J. Jones Roberts (for Miss Stewart) said that she had been indiscreet.

The jury found Miss Stewart, who typed the postcard, guilty, but in-litigant and Mrs. Gristwood guilty under provocation. Binding them over the Judge ordered Mrs. Gristwood to pay £25 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Chief Wrens' Pay Up £3

BIG increases in pay are announced for most officers in the Women's Royal Naval Service. A Chief Officer in the Mobile Section now receives £350 a year instead of £200.

Pay for Wren privates in the General Mobile Section will be reduced 8d. a week, but they will be accommodated either in quarters or in approved lodgings and will draw naval victuals in kind or appropriate allowances.

Lilian Harvey Escapes Nazis

REPORTS that Lilian Harvey, London-born film actress who became Germany's most popular star, has been interned in Germany are untrue. She is safe in France.

Mrs. Walter Harvey, her sister-in-law, who lives in Edgware, says: "The latest news we had is that she is staying at her villa at Juan-les-Pins."

RUGBY HAS NEW SPORT

TWO hundred boys of Rugby School have discovered a new sport—they are knitting comforts for the Forces.

Some have become proficient enough to knit pullovers, but they have not yet all solved the mystery of the extra stitches that keep appearing.

Claire Luce, the American film actress, who raised funds in London for a noble canteen for men passing through Rugby, performed the opening ceremony at Rugby, and afterwards appealed for funds from the stage of a local cinema.

Divorce Suit Lasts 15 Years

NEW YORK. THERE has ended in America a divorce suit which began fifteen years ago.

It was begun by the husband, Wiley Hitchcock, school teacher, of Chicago.

And it was contested by his wife, Winifred, also a school teacher, to whom he had then been married ten years.

Ever since their battle has gone on—before thirty judges sitting in six different courts.

Wiley Hitchcock was granted his divorce—because his wife—

Put sand in his shaving cream; Destroyed his lecture notes; Soaked his clothes in water; Shut off the heat in his bedroom;

Destroyed his bed-clothes; Hit him with a brass candlestick; and Beat him while he slept.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

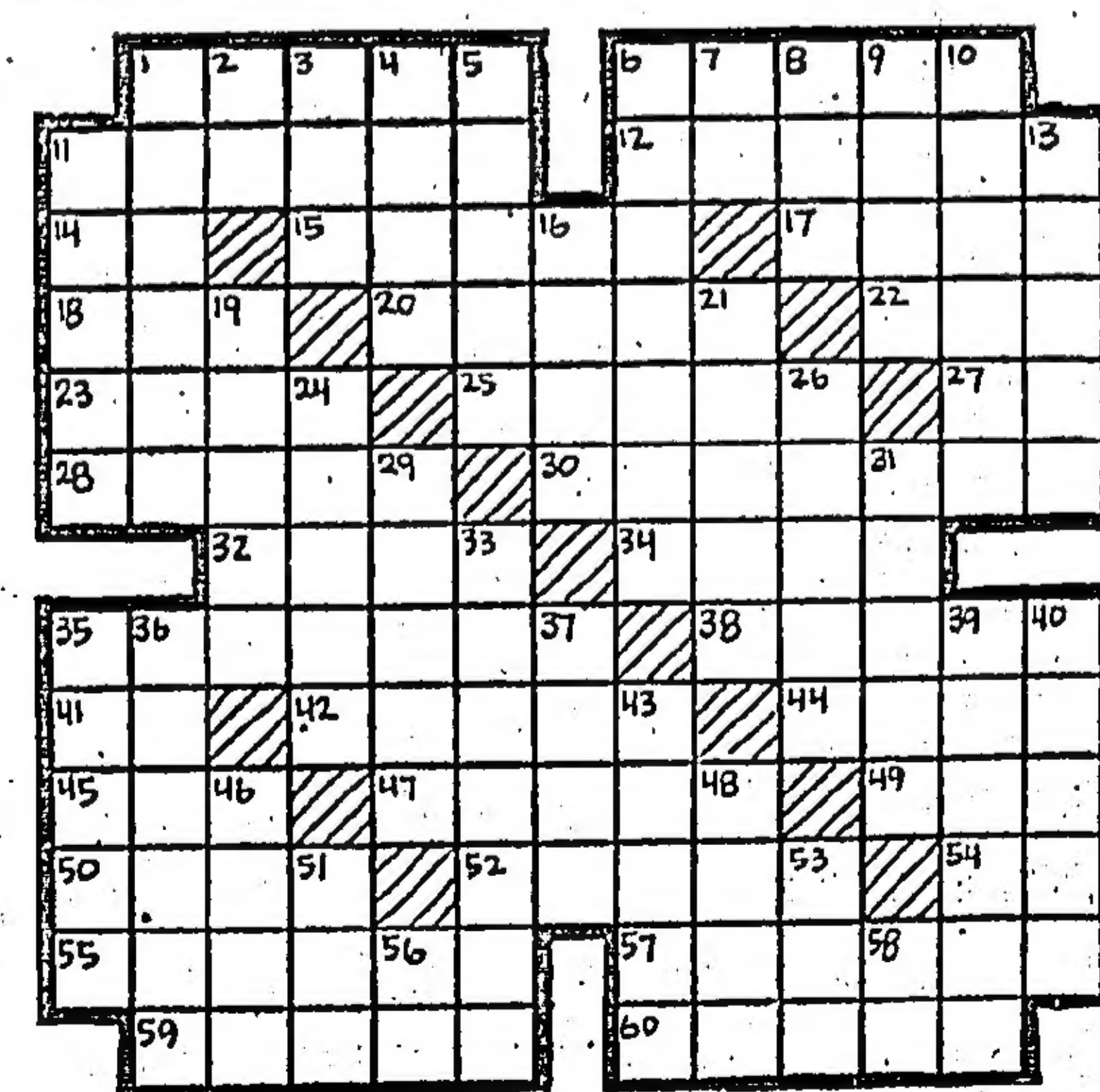
ACROSS

- 1—Exercise direction over
- 2—Holding part of vehicle
- 11—Went without food
- 12—Oiled as just
- 13—In the morning (abbr.)
- 14—Held at long range from cover
- 15—Abrupt border
- 16—Split
- 17—Urges from motion
- 18—To rest
- 22—U-boat (col.)
- 23—Former Roman emperor
- 24—White
- 25—Mother
- 26—Stomach of ox
- 27—Guide for out of fish
- 28—Nothing at all
- 31—Fretting areas of net
- 32—To breast-bone
- 33—Legal claims on property
- 41—Overwhelming sorrow
- 42—Airplane (col.)
- 43—Chinese unit of weight
- 47—Narrow opening
- 48—Philippine peasant



DOWN

- 1—Old woman (col.)
- 2—Tall person (abbr.)
- 3—That thing's
- 4—Manners publication
- 5—Crying
- 6—Exclamation
- 7—Before
- 8—Aims
- 9—Plant of bean family
- 10—Sworn
- 11—Preclude
- 12—Lance (abbr.)
- 13—Sudden
- 14—Desirable acquisition
- 15—Slow-moving animal
- 16—Military siege protection
- 17—Lined into parts
- 18—Red-capped
- 19—Piled in garment
- 20—Tearing device
- 21—Line of cut grass
- 22—Threw into disorder
- 23—Weaving device
- 24—Came close
- 25—Type of sailing vessel
- 26—Accelerator
- 27—Young salmon
- 28—Part of walls
- 29—Hint (French)
- 30—Point of compass
- 31—Within scope of
- 32—Zellulium



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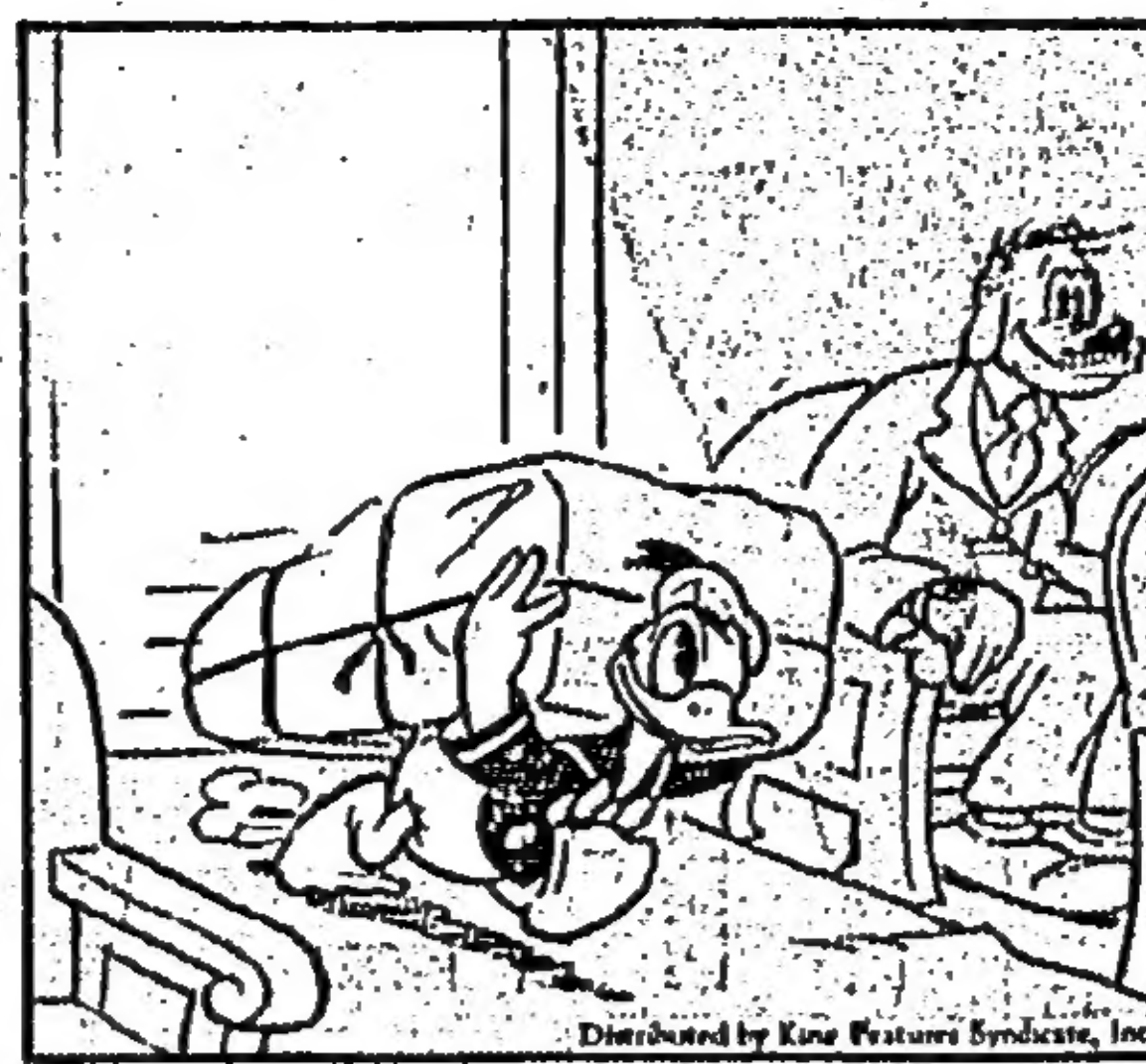
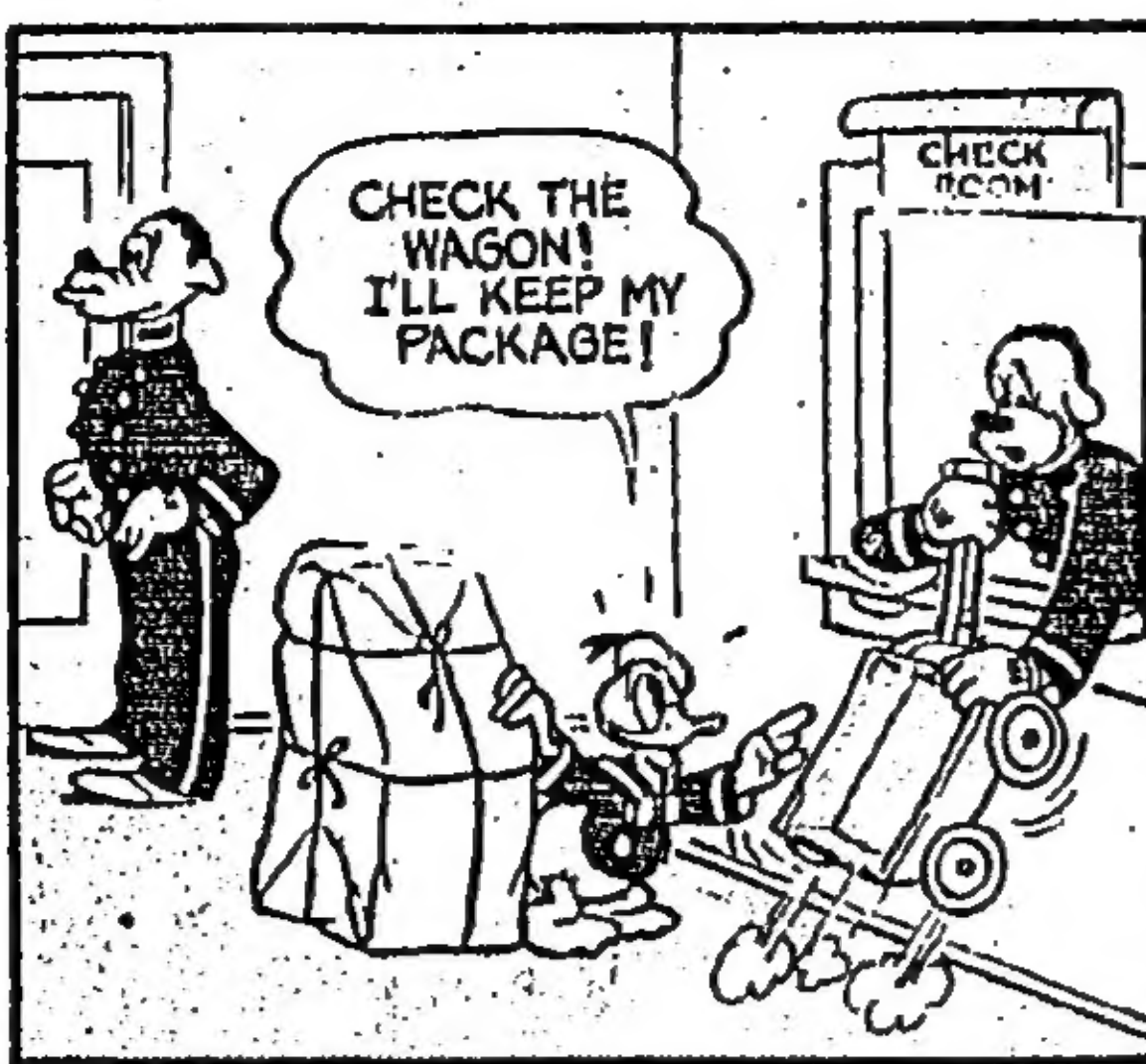
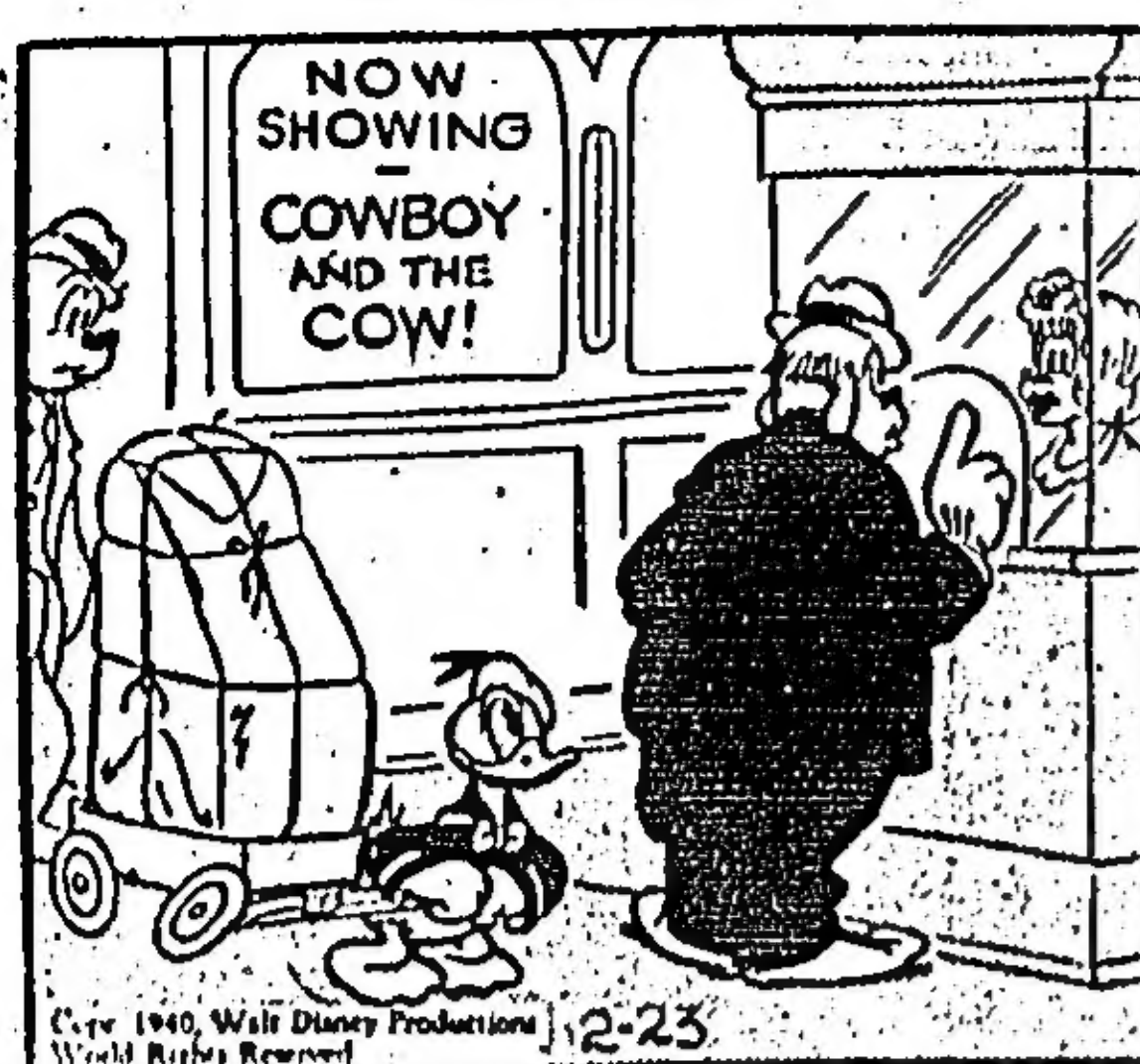
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Two Wireless Traitors Condemned

PARIS. PAUL FERDONNET and Andre Obrecht, accused as traitors because of their broadcasts over the Stuttgart Radio, have been sentenced to death by a French military court.

"For a handful of gold, they have sold their honour," said the prosecutor.

"For it they have dragged the good name of our homeland in the mud. Only their blood can wipe out their crimes."

The accused men now appear in France or are captured they will be shot as traitors.

The beating of drums and the sound of trumpets in the courtyard before the judges assembled summoned the accused to appear.

Their failure to answer was the moment when they became rebels against the State.

Witnesses told of Ferdonnet's long career as an agent in Paris of the Nazis.

STAR FINDS BABY DEAD

THE eleven-month-old son of Dick Merrill, U.S. airman who twice flew the Atlantic both ways, and former film actress, Toby Wing, was found strangled in his cot at their New York home.

A fold of the baby's sleeping suit had become entangled round his neck, says British United Press.

Merrill, chief pilot in one of America's air lines, served in the British Royal Naval Air Service during the last war.

His first Atlantic trip was with Broadway singer Harry Richman, in September, 1936.

Coronation Films

They intended to land at Croydon in their converted passenger plane, the wings of which were packed with plug-pong balls for buoyancy, but they lost their way in bad weather, ran short of petrol and landed in Wales.

On the return trip they crashed in a bog in Newfoundland, but were unharmed.

The following Jack Merrill set out again with Jack Lambie as copilot to fetch films of the Coronation.

He and Toby Wing were married secretly in 1936. Mrs. Merrill, a striking blonde, is twenty-one.

KEPT DIARY OF LAST HOUR

A DIARY of his last hour lay near a Red Indian, Yuda Sundown, aged twenty-seven, when he was found shot dead in his brother-in-law's home at Buffalo, New York, with a rifle beside him.

His "death diary" read: "The gun is pointed at my heart. Time is now 11.15 a.m. I do not feel nervous but I am happy."

"Eleven thirty-seven and all is well. I have always been a writer and have written a lot of stories, and I intend to keep on writing until my finger pulls the trigger of this gun."

"Eleven forty-two. A dog barked and I looked out to see who it is. Time is now. I hear a noise. I hope no one don't come in now until 11.45. Eleven forty-three and one half. Ah, life is so short."

"It is now 11.45 and I can't pull the trigger. Someone is shooting at the pleasant out in the cornfield. Too bad I'm not a bird."

"Clock stopped at 12.13 p.m. I just started it again. I hope it stops at 12.15."

"It's 12-15 now. There's the postman. I'll have to wait."

"An awful feeling when the time comes for you to plug yourself. I can't pull this trigger."

"Any moment now I'll pull..."

EVERY one of the 1,000 or so householders in Higham Ferrers, Northants, found a 5s. postal order in his letter-box.

Every Higham Ferrers soldier and sailor and airman on active service received one also.

It was all because of that Toseland girl. Only 16, she was.

She used to fetch materials from the boot factory at Kettering where young Alfred Sudborough was an operative.

Jolly bonny girl, she was, and Alfred was a well set-up likeable fellow of 20.

The neighbours saw it coming, of course. It was no surprise to them when Miss Toseland became Mrs. Sudborough when she was still short of sweet seventeen.

That was on February 2, 1890. Just 50 years ago. Hence the Golden Wedding postal orders.

For Alfred Sudborough didn't remain a boot operative. He set up as a manufacturer himself. In a very small way.

"I didn't worry. I knew the stuff he was made of," said Mrs. Sudborough recently.

She helped the new firm by doing some of the work at home, just as she had done when she was "that Toseland girl."

Glasses Raised

Later, when Mr. Sudborough used to make business journeys to Scotland, she always went with him—and the railway officials always put them in the honeymoon coach.

The firm grew. Now a hundred boot-workers draw their pay at the Sudborough factory every week.

In the largest hall in Higham Ferrers, there was a golden wedding party.

And as the Mayor proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Sudborough in the hall at 9 p.m., every guest there and every householder in every house in Higham Ferrers, raised his glass also.

Winner of Stork derby in London

FATHER of Canada's "Stork Derby" prize family, Mr. Arthur Hollis Timleck has arrived in England to see his son, serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Aldershot.

You remember the "Stork Derby"? Arthur Timleck's wife Lucy Alford shared with three other Canadian women an estate of 600,000 dollars (£120,000) left by Charles Vance Miller, wealthy lawyer with odd ideas, for the women who should have the most children between 1920 and 1930.

Arthur and Lucy increased their family by nine—to fourteen—in those years and won 150,000 dollars (£30,000).

Arthur, a ruddy-faced smiling giant, is going to see his nineteen-year-old William.

"I guess I'll lose no time at all," he said. "You might think that with ten boys and four girls we would not miss one so much. But that isn't so. No, sir. Bill's mother and I have missed him like he was our one and only."

"He won't be the last of our family to fight for the old Empire. My eldest boy Arthur—he is nearly twenty-two—is training in Canada now."

Mrs. Timleck did not come to England because she is too busy running her seventeen-roomed house, their shop, and their present family of fifteen.

I asked Mr. Timleck whether it was relief to get away from all the noise of a healthy family of fifteen.

"Noise," he asked in astonishment. "There's no noise in our family. Sir, you could come into our house at seven o'clock and not hear a sound. We've a quiet family. They all have fine. Yes, sir."

Food and coffee brought up through the German wire, in special metal containers to the troops on front lines. These German soldiers are looking terribly discouraged—perhaps it's Ersatz! specially camouflaged helmets.



PATIENT DESCRIBES 'FROZEN SLEEP' CURE

WHETHER the new "frozen sleep" treatment for cancer kills or cures is a question still debated by medical men.

But a woman patient in a New Jersey hospital describes the effect of two "freezings" in words that leave no doubt the treatment has given her relief and new hope.

So grave was her condition at the time that her doctors did not believe she could live out the month. Now, following the second treatment, she says she is without pain, and is beginning to hope. Her message to other cancer victims is:

"The feeling of hope that has come over me, since I was sure I would die, is something so marvellous I can't express it. I can only say it is all other men and women who suffer from cancer—I say it from the bottom of my heart—please, please never give up all hope!"

All hope had been given up for "Mrs. B. L." when she was taken to the hospital last October from her home in North Bergen, N. J., at the suggestion of her family physician, Dr. Aloysius P. Riemann, of Jersey City.

A month before, cancer of the breast had spread to a lung. "Mrs. B. L." said:

"I thought it was no use. For days, I had sharp, terrible pains, like a knife cutting through my chest. I coughed all the time, and that made it worse."

"Mrs. B. L." went on to tell of the first freezing treatment, which left little impression, because she was so ill. At the time, a complete "freezing" apparatus was not available, and Dr. Riemann employed cracked ice and an air-conditioning machine. The results were encouraging, and, when time came for a second treatment, the latest apparatus was on hand.

This consists of a "freezing blanket" which is actually also a heating blanket. Looking rather like a corrugated sleeping bag, it contains hollow coils through which a refrigerant is pumped from a refrigerating unit at the foot of the bed. But it also contains heating wires, so that the temperature of the patient can be speedily raised if the occasion demands. The bag thus has a range of temperature of from 20 degrees (12 be-

low freezing) to 140 degrees, or 42 above normal body temperature.

12 Hours On Ice

When Mrs. "B. L." was placed in the bag, a slight fever gave her a temperature of 99.8 degrees. She was given a mild sedative to alleviate the pain of freezing. At 2 p.m. he refrigerating machine was started. At 2.45 p.m. her temperature had fallen to 99; at 3.15, it was normal; at 4.45 p.m. it was 98; at 6.45 p.m. it had reached 91.

Under ordinary conditions, when a patient's temperature reaches this low level, physicians despair of life. But, with a doctor and nurse noting very pulse-beat, the temperature of "Mrs. B. L." was kept at 91 for 12 hours—except for one slight rise permitted when her pulse slowed. Even for ten hours up the Stork probably further than any of our ships have hitherto been.

China Coast Gazette: Mr. C. G. Bon, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hothlow.

Mr. J. Christien, second officer, Hothlow, has gone second officer, Shengking.

Mr. W. H. Mainwaring from reserve, has gone second officer, Yinchow.

Mr. E. P. B. Kiddy, second officer, Yinchow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. L. Cruickshank, supernumerary, Fengtien, has gone third engineer, Wuchang.

Mr. J. G. Campbell, third engineer, Wuchang, has gone supernumerary, Hain Feking.

Mr. F. Q. Wedlock, second officer, Chihli, has gone acting chief officer, Tamau.

Mr. W. Hanley, from reserve, has gone second officer, Chihli.

Mr. W. J. Hodges, chief officer Hothlow, has gone chief officer, Ichang.

Mr. A. R. McEwan, chief officer, Ichang, is on leave.

Mr. J. Smith, chief engineer, Ichang, is on leave.

Mr. K. K. McIntyre, chief engineer, Anhui, has gone chief engineer, Tamau.

Mr. T. Henderson, chief engineer Tamau, has gone chief engineer, Shengking.

Mr. W. D. Chilton, second officer Shengking, has gone acting chief officer, Tamau.

Mr. E. B. Jones, from leave has gone master, Kiukiang.

Mr. R. A. Watt, acting master Kiukiang, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Buchanan, supernumerary Hain Feking, has gone chief engineer, Tamau.

Mr. J. Smith, acting chief officer Kwangshai, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. Davies, acting master, Kwangshai, has gone chief officer, same ship.

ROTARY MEETING

At to-morrow's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club Rotarian F. C. Young will speak on "The Romance of Rubber."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1890. The Rev. R. N. Shuttle, a Portsmouth parson, has just given his reasons for separating the male and female worshippers in his church. 1.—That it is an old custom. 2.—That it diverts the attention of a man to sit behind a bonnet. 3.—That women wear tight fitting dresses and scanty underclothing. 4.—That men if seated near women will think of studies of the female figure. 5.—That a girl, if seated near young men, will be tempted to do things that we cannot talk of. 6.—That the Church knows nothing of family arrangements, and cannot recognise the desire of a husband and wife to worship together.

The N.S.W. Minister for Lands' estimate, says the "Sydney Morning Herald," of the cost for the purchase required for the Central and Western divisions of the colony, is £2,000,000 or a total of 43,622 miles of fencing. When we read what a costly pest the rabbit has become, the attempts to exterminate him have already cost £200,000 with the result that it is acknowledged that the country on which this large sum was expended is now as badly infested as ever it was before these tiny troublesome enemies crossed the Southern border. (The rabbit-proof fence is still in existence.—Ed.)

Our late piquant visitor, charming Miss Nellie Bly, the lady journalist, who put a whole lot of the earth, or rather a considerable portion of it, inside 40 days, without male companionship, is evidently a little tired. Two years ago, says a London writer, she feigned insanity and succeeded in being committed to an asylum in order to render her journalistic experiences sensational. She hinted that the doctors insulted her.

The charge was proved to be mistaken, but the article had served its purpose. Since Miss Bly has followed her favourite newspaper work, on one occasion she went to Central Park and made eyes at the "bathing men," until one responded to her advances. He made her acquaintance, suggested a drive, which was accepted, proposed a visit to a questionable resort, which was accepted, offered refreshments in a private apartment, which were accepted, and then made proposals to which she assented, she rejected with scorn. She had secured material for a good sensational article, and she used it to her pecuniary profit.

Her next exploit was to advertise for the position of amanuensis. The language of her advertisement was equivocal; so were the replies. From the mass of letters received she selected those most useful for her purpose, and called on the writers. By her actions and remarks she succeeded in bringing the conversation into the desired channel, and thus secured several more dramatic opportunities for rejecting proposals which never would have been made to a woman whose actions did not invite them. Afterwards she published an account of her experience, with the names and addresses of her victims. It's a good job Nellie is going to be married; the matrimonial halter should effectually put a stop to her somewhat dangerous inquisitiveness.

25 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1915. In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant announced that the British canals to April 11 were 120,247.

Field Marshal French concludes: "The Prince of Wales is the bearer of this despatch. His Royal Highness continues to have the most satisfactory progress. He was on my staff as liaison officer at the battle of Neuve Chapelle, and the reports of the General's progress in commanding his thoroughness and my own very favourably impressed with the quickness with which His Royal Highness has acquired knowledge on service and his deep interest in the welfare of the men, who greatly appreciate his visits. The Prince did duty for a time in the trenches with his battalion."

Reuter's correspondent at Tenedos reports that the British ship, "Hermes," entered the Dardanelles on a scouting expedition and steamed at full speed for over ten miles up the Bosphorus probably further than any of our ships have hitherto been.

China Coast Gazette: Mr. C. G. Bon, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hothlow.

Mr. J. Christien, second officer, Hothlow, has gone second officer, Shengking.

Mr. W. H. Mainwaring from reserve, has gone second officer, Yinchow.

Mr. E. P. B. Kiddy, second officer, Yinchow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. L. Cruickshank, supernumerary, Fengtien, has gone third engineer, Wuchang.

Mr. J. G. Campbell, third engineer, Wuchang, has gone supernumerary, Hain Feking.

Mr. F. Q. Wedlock, second officer, Chihli, has gone acting chief officer, Tamau.

Mr. W. Hanley, from reserve, has gone second officer, Chihli.

Mr. W. J. Hodges, chief officer Hothlow, has gone chief officer, Ichang.

Mr. A. R. McEwan, chief officer, Ichang, is on leave.

Mr. J. Smith, chief engineer, Ichang, is on leave.

Mr. K. K. McIntyre, chief engineer, Anhui, has gone chief engineer, Tamau.

Mr. T. Henderson, chief engineer Tamau, has gone chief engineer, Shengking.

Mr. W. D. Chilton, second officer Shengking, has gone acting chief officer, Tamau.

Mr. E. B. Jones, from leave has gone master, Kiukiang.

Mr. R. A. Watt, acting master Kiukiang, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Buchanan, supernumerary Hain Feking, has gone chief engineer, Tamau.

Mr. J. Smith, acting chief officer Kwangshai, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. Davies, acting master, Kwangshai, has gone chief officer, same ship.

LETTERS

'Erbert' Igge Again To The Editor, The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear mister editor,—ave you noticed the gal skits getting shorter, corviduck all an me went down the races the uvver day an all the gals was sittin on them steps—but as I was sayin fashions are changing which reminds me about air on me an our clivies

all said we order wear ties wiv the coloured shirts we got to go into the honkong odel so we got some at a Japanese shop in wanchai (purs silk, six for a buck) they looked a little bit of orlight when we put em on we both ad the same colour sort of blue and yellor wiv a bit of pink

the necks time we goes out we goes to the purimul to have a drinker at the painting in the cocktail bar we ony just got in when up jumps a bloke an sez well well a couple of old boys and he shoves me an all darn on a sofa and as all the blinking chinks dashing about fillin us up wiv beer an giving us plates a chipped spade an askin us wewver we ad a good game

mister editor berlieve me or berlieve me not it was 2 am, before all and me found out the bloke thort we were a couple of old cluthumptions becom we had the old school tie on

an wot was wurs when we come out of the penisul all an me followed a gal all the way along nathan road befor we found out she was a seaforth highlander

do the gals leave orf closes when it gets of in honkong mister editor

I think allf and me is going to like it eve

yores trewly

'ERBERT IGGE

ps did you ere wot the iggimor said about in buttons at the signal kor dinner—outside the elena may too.

DANISH TELEGRAPHS

Awaiting Instructions From British Government

Danish firms in the Colony, including the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Jensen and Co., importers and agents for the Maersk Line, the East Asiatic Co. Ltd. and the Northern Fur Trade Co. are awaiting instructions from the British Government.

The Danish Great Northern Telegraph Co., which has been established in Hongkong since 1889, has been cut off from Scandinavia since last Tuesday. The Company has maintained a service between Northern Europe and the Far East via Siberia and a cable service between Hongkong and Shanghai.

Officials of the Company said they had received no instructions from their head office at Copenhagen nor from Shanghai. Communication with Sweden had also been cut off. In the meantime the Company is continuing to handle traffic to Russia and the Baltic and in the Far East.

Mr. C. Shepherd, chief officer Kiangteen, has gone chief officer, Ichang.

Mr. D. Ferguson, from leave, has gone chief engineer, Kiangteen.

Mr. C. Manley, acting master, Poochi, has gone chief officer, Kiangteen.

Mr. W. D. Murray, second officer, Kiangteen, is awaiting orders.

Mr. J. W. Duncan, has been appointed chief officer, Ichang.

Mr. W. Ellis has been appointed master Bularra.

10 YEARS AGO April 14, 1930.

Lam Hing and Lam Ming, who were sentenced to death at the Criminal Sessions on March 7 for the murder of Khat Singh, an Indian guard, during the attempted piracy of the S.S. Hanching, were executed at Victoria Jail this morning.

5 YEARS AGO April 14, 1935.

The steady rise in the sterling value of the Hongkong dollar has given rise to rumours of the possibility of Government action along the lines either of stabilisation or some other form of managing the currency.

The League of Nations Council, after a private session which lasted for an hour, adjourned again for the morning when it will discuss the French appeal respecting Germany's violation of the Versailles Treaty.

Mr. Peter Munch, Norwegian Foreign Minister, conferred with Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Minister, for the purpose of discussing the French appeal, and also to tone down the French resolution rebuking the German Government.

It is also heard that the British are fearful that the Anglo-Italian declaration for co-operation, reached at Stresa, may be maintained in Berlin as a threat to the Nazi Government.

It is learned on high authority that Great Britain and Italy are prepared to give military assistance to France if Germany violates the demilitarized zone along the German frontiers.

Vanished After Decoy Call

A DECOY phone call is believed to have been responsible for the disappearance of a Trowbridge man. He is Geoffrey Hooper, a 20-year-old taxi owner-driver.

Hooper was sitting down to supper at his home at 10.15 p.m., when he received the telephone message.

It asked him to go at once to the George Hotel, Trowbridge, to pick up a fare for Melksham, five miles away.

Telling his wife to keep his supper warm, as he would not be long, he went off—and vanished.

Police cannot trace any call from the George Hotel for a taxi. They have asked C.I.D. officers throughout the country to try to solve the riddle.

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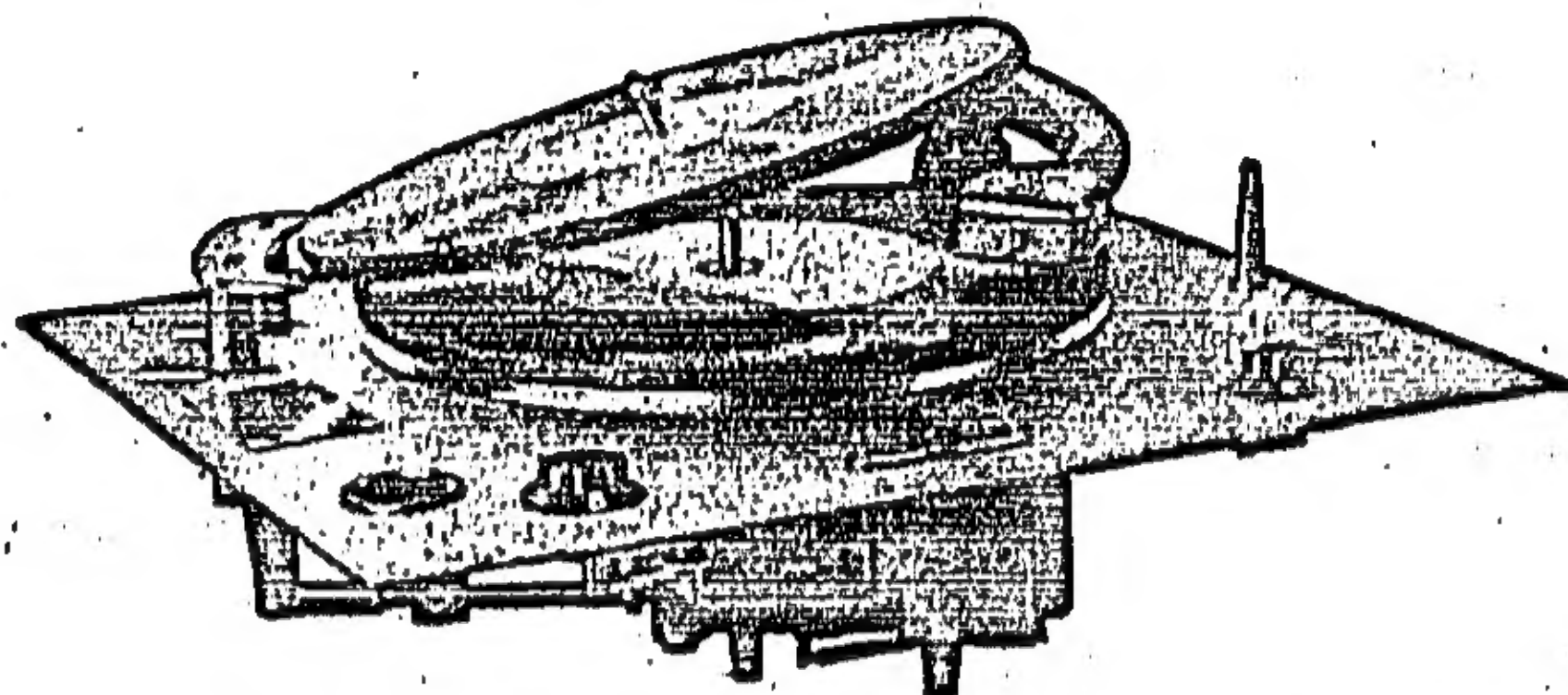
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Holland Looks To Her Moat

At the present moment Holland, a proclaimed neutral, whose foreign policy is resolutely pacific by conviction as well as by national interest, finds herself again face to face with the imminent threat of armed invasion. Holland has done nothing to provoke this threat. From the conflict of wills and

interests which has culminated in the present War, she has stood severely aloof. She has not even expressed sympathy with one side or the other. Such a well-intentioned intervention could hardly excite resentment. It could not reasonably make a breach in that "traditional German friendship with Holland" which Hitler proclaimed in his Reichstag speech after the close of the Polish campaign. Yet today Holland sees German troops and engines of war again being massed on her frontier, and other indications, too plain to be misunderstood, that at any moment she may be exposed to the fate that recently befell Denmark.

In this situation we have a vivid illustration not only of the methods but of the meaning of Hitlerism for all Europe. The right of nations to live their own lives in peace and security is denied, if not by direct and violent assault, then by the menace of it—by the creation of a state of tension which quickly becomes intolerable in suspending or dislocating all the activities of the national life and economy. History proclaims how much human freedom owes to Dutch steadfastness and courage; and it is not to be doubted that the Dutch people will face their present ordeal with the same high qualities undimmed.

SWEDEN CLOSES THE GAPS

By GEORGE L. STEER

"Telegraph" Special Correspondent who has visited Sweden to study the danger of war in Scandinavia. In article by Mr. Steer on Sweden's defence problems appeared on Saturday.

If you drive out of Stockholm on a Sunday into the snow of the countryside you will see groups of Swedes in three-quarter length white sheepskin coats skidding through the trees. It is particularly impressive at night, under the lights of the field-sport patrols, when, perhaps, a group from a Swedish artillery regiment—great firm-limbed people with gentle, inexpressive faces—are leading the rest down the gliding kilometres. On the rifle-range there is the dull spurt of musketry, and the headlines of Social-Demokraten in the morning will have told you that the workers' party, which two years ago shivered at the sound of a gun, is now demanding that every worker should handle one.

North of Stockholm they are holding manoeuvres—on a modest scale, of course, which should alarm nobody—to meet a ghostly landing party with infantry and with 75 mm. and 40mm. A.A. guns.

Gen. Thormell, commander-in-chief of Sweden's joint defence forces, has appealed to the Government to form a Civil Defence Corps, armed first with rifles and then with light machine guns, to protect Sweden's farflung communications, on the model of the territorial guard of Finland. One notes an occasional warning in the Press that the Swedes should toughen themselves with snowbaths (pictures of this Spartan custom are published), and by walking upstairs to their offices instead of taking the lift.

SWEDEN is preparing. She is filling up the gaps in her defences as Britain did after Munich. But they are not the same gaps. In A.A. guns and in the natural power of her capital both to evacuate and to resist air attack, she is proportionately better off than Britain at the end of 1938. Her anxiety is about her trained man-power and air-power. Sweden's peace-time army varies between 34,000 and 60,000 men, according to season: To-day, of course, it is larger, for certain reserves have been called up. In war her military authorities calculate that they can put 400,000 men into the field.

Of Sweden's peace-time troops 19,000 belong to the permanent cadre. The annual contingent, therefore, varies between 15,000 and 41,000. A small army, one might say, for a nation of 5,000,000 which has not only compulsory military service but a military tradition. The explanation is Sweden's post-war history. She was separated by a strenuous war from a fighting race from Russia, her only traditional enemy. She nourished peace until 1938, when a petual peace and universal disarmament. Her Government became progressively social-democratic and therefore pacifist.

She saved on equipment and money that might have paid for her full annual contingent of recruits. For some 10 years she did not summon the whole class to the Colours. Even today her period of training for the infantry is only 140 days in the year, and for the specialist arms no more than 200. Those figures compare badly with Finland's 12 months and 18 months. The longer one stays in Scandinavia the more one realises that Finland alone of the northern countries took her defence problem seriously.

COL. BRATT, Sweden's leading military expert, has laid his finger on this cardinal weakness in Sweden's defence system. Members of the Riksdag have tried, and are still trying, to remedy this weakness of the shortened military service period.

Concurrent with it is a certain antiquity of Swedish equipment, which, of course, is more rapidly replaced. The army is not yet fitted for a war against modern motorised and mechanised forces, though its direction is qualitatively the superior of the Russian, and could easily beat the Russian if the armies fought with equal armaments.

How is Sweden improving her army? The answer is visible in the slights round Stockholm every day. She is quietly calling up reserves and giving them the training that will fit them for the first shock of war. The rest are being urged by every means conceivable—short of compulsion, which still seems to be a long way ahead—to learn to use a rifle. Eventually the various rifle clubs are bound to be co-ordinated into a national system in which every able-bodied man will participate.

The Swede is physically so sound, in spite of a long period of prosperity

which has fattened him a little, that it will not take long to turn him into a soldier again. How to train more officers rapidly is a different proposition; but even to-day the Swedish officer compares very favourably with the Russian.

Modernisation of equipment is being debated to-day in the Riksdag. A motion, for example, lies before the House for the mechanisation of the artillery, including the coastal artillery. Sweden, of course, has long made her own guns; to put them on wheels or tracks should not present her with grave difficulty.

My own belief is that, with her present war industry and her population's adaptability to modern machinery, she should be able to reconstruct her army quicker than the Russians after their disasters in Finland. She may even feel able, if they tangle much longer, to risk more volunteer life in the defence of Finland than she has done already.

It is simply because of her lack of trained reserves that Sweden has deliberately given no official countenance, far less an official shove, to the Finland volunteer campaign.

Sweden has no reason to feel the same anxiety as Britain about the safety of her civil population in time of war. Her A.A. guns are admirable and numerous. She will have to evacuate only 300,000 people—some 5 per cent. of her population—and the process will be simple, the mood no more than that of a Bank Holiday rush. She can dig shelters which will really protect the rest out of her basic granite. Her A.R.P. preparations, in short, are well advanced.

It is the state of her own air force that really worries her. The Swedish air force is compared by Swedes to the Finnish as it was at the outbreak of the northern war. It lacks both uniformity and size, while certainly not lacking skill.

Sweden's latest defence programme allowed for a first-line force of about 250 planes by 1941. In detail, this consists to-day of seven groups, four of bombardment, two of military or naval co-operation and reconnaissance, and only one of fighters. The lack of balance here is self-evident, particularly since the Swedes began to think of meeting a possible aerial invasion.

SWEDEN has attempted to construct her own aerial types, but these have not been outstandingly successful. She must still buy her first line from abroad. And that is not easy to-day, when the Great Powers are fighting each other in the factories for aerial supremacy and America seems remote and unwilling to sell except to the highest bidder. So Sweden's air force is still heterogeneous.

Perhaps she had planned it diplomatically. Many of her bombers are German, but her fighters are English. More subtly might be read into this choice than is justified. Who, one might ask, would be so silly as to bomb Germany with Junkers? And would it not be better to defend the air of Sweden with Gloucester Gladiators, whose powers are still mildly secret, than with Messerschmitts or Heinkels? The clue is probably more simple, however. The Gladiator's engine behaves incomparably well in Arctic conditions; so the others were bought in order to preserve the appearance of impartiality.

There are other types. But the weakness of Sweden's aviation is not so much variety as the smallness of the fighter contingent. A motion lies before a committee of the Riksdag demanding that another fighter group should be formed. It undoubtedly will be—but the planes must be bought first. Until Sweden has at least another fighter group and its personnel are fully trained she would be unwise if she risked conclusions with her great neighbour in the South.

With the example of Poland before her, she will in any case take no risks until she is convinced that, if attack threatens, Britain and France will engage the bulk of the German forces in the West. That is the very kernel of her defence problem.

Yet he would be unwise who did not think Sweden strong. After Italy and Turkey she is the most powerful of the non-belligerent States in Europe to-day—by position, resources, tradition and the spirit to defend her rights. She does not want to fight Germany, but she is determined to do her utmost, which is more than most people think, to bar the old foe, Russia, on the Finnish border. It is 125 years since the



Munition Routes To China

What effect has the war in Europe had on the other—almost forgotten—war in China? Wilbur Burton, special correspondent of the New York Post, has written this article.

He points out that, despite the fall of Nanning, supplies for the Chinese army still flow in from French Indo-China, from British Burma, and from Russia. He tells to-day what the Japanese must do in order to close the French route, and why they probably cannot close the Burma road.

Despite the war in Europe and despite the capture of Nanning by the Japanese, supplies for the Chinese armies of General Chiang Kai-shek are still flowing northward into Central China from French Indo-China.

Shipments over the route from the port of Haiphong to Chungking are still moving freely, and in greater quantities than the British shipments through Burma. Although by taking Nanning, the Japanese have cut the main road up from Indo-China, there are other, though poorer, roads farther west and traffic in vast quantities has already been diverted to them.

Two Courses Open

To sever the Indo-China supply line completely the Japanese must do one of two things. Either they must extend their military control more than a hundred miles westward, to take in the smaller side roads, or they must once more frighten the French into banning transit of military supplies through Indo-China.

French policy on arms shipments has been very erratic. At times military shipments have been almost completely stopped, and at other times the only question has been the making of proper financial arrangements. Lately the trade has been booming and port facilities at Haiphong have been

Sweden have fought, and they have no aggressive aim. But there is a spirit of military pride in them which recalls the days of Gustavus Adolphus and drubbings delivered by the Swedish infantry.

SWEDEN'S natural posture for defence might be envied by most other neutrals. In food she is self-sufficient. All that she need import in order to wage a war are rubber, carburetors and some special chemicals and metals, of which she has already laid up certain reserves. She has miscalculated a little over coke and coal, it is true, and is feeling the pinch to-day, but only in a way which probably does some good, for it reduces an overhigh standard of domestic comfort.

She has within her borders the finest iron in the world, and therefore the most desirable raw material for armaments. By the process of Northern collaboration she can mix it with Norwegian chrome. She makes all her own guns and ammunition, even of the most advanced kinds.

Her reserves in gold, &c., are more than £125,000,000, and her payments on State loans less than the State itself makes out of public enterprise. The Swedish population, above all, is both racially homogeneous and socially united. It can and will defend its interests. The country that attacks Sweden will find that it has bitten off more than can be chewed.

so overtaxed that normal trade has been interrupted.

This has all been very profitable to the French, and potentially very dangerous, too.

With the Japanese holding the nearby island of Hainan, Indo-China is in bad strategic position. It has never been garrisoned for defence against external assault and there are virtually no border defences. Even in normal times, the French, unlike the British, lack a navy adequate for the defence of their Far Eastern Empire.

The Japanese advance from Fakhai, on the coast, to Nanning involved only a limited number of troops, not more than 40,000, mostly withdrawn from the area around Canton and Hongkong.

In view of Japanese naval strength, taking Fakhai was easy enough, but reaching Nanning so quickly over a none too hospitable terrain was in striking contrast to the failure at Changsha only a few weeks before.

The Chinese evidently were caught unprepared in an area that should have been well defended.

In any event, French Indo-China is only one of the three inlets from the world for Chiang Kai-shek. Another, from the Soviet Union, is beyond Japanese military power to sever in the near future, but what may happen diplomatically on this front is another question that right now can't be answered. The third inlet, through British Burma, is potentially the most important of all and there is no indication that it will be cut off—by either military action or diplomacy.

The Japanese diplomatic effort to reach a better understanding with Britain has been in progress ever since the European war started.

For their part, the British have made some gestures, too. Here in Hongkong, for instance, the British censors will no longer allow the Chinese press to refer to Japan as "the enemy," nor to Wang Ching-wel, potential head of a new government, as a "puppet or a traitor."

But the British have put no ban on Chinese billingsgate when it is applied to those Chinese who work under Tokio's orders in the regimes at Peking or Nanking. Nor is there any limitation on propaganda in behalf of Chiang Kai-shek, who, incidentally, has returned that favour through the installation of a branch of the British Ministry of Information, the war propaganda bureau at Chungking.

There is no indication whatever that any British-Japanese understanding will curtail the present uninterrupted flow of supplies for Chiang Kai-shek over the Burma road.

HITLER'S MAD ESCAPADE

Stands To Lose All By Norwegian Campaign

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The German invasion of Scandinavia is thought in informed quarters in London to be susceptible of two interpretations, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The first is that it is only the first instalment of a larger plan of aggression and may be intended to divert the Allies into a rat hunt through the Norwegian fjords whilst greater armies are set in motion elsewhere.

The second is that it is an isolated move. If the former conjecture is correct, then Hitler is obliging the Allies by undertaking at last what they have always wanted from him, namely, a campaign on two fronts.

The Allies are ready for Hitler even if he should break out on several fronts simultaneously.

Action Of Madman

If the second supposition is right, then Hitler's action seems to be that of a madman. He may have thought that Norwegian ports would offer bases for his submarines, but the destruction of a large proportion of his fleet seems an absurd price to pay for bases which anyhow cannot be used as freely as Norway's waters while she was still neutral.

Hitler has thrown away a chance of saving his skin by wearing out the Allies' patience and has chosen to fight on a naval front on which he is outnumbered and on which, as the British mine-laying in the Baltic shows, he risks being taken in the rear.

Six People Die In City Blaze

PANAMA CITY, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Six people are reported to have been burned to death and 10,000 rendered homeless as a result of disastrous fires in the town of Colon last night.

The entire civilian and military fire fighting forces on both sides of the Isthmus were mobilised to fight the flames.

United States troops blew up buildings in an attempt to save valuable properties.

Fire Under Control

MANILA, Apr. 14 (UP).—Colon officially stated that the fire was completely controlled at midnight.

Approximately 10,000 are homeless and 30 wounded, the number of dead being unknown. Twenty-five city blocks were destroyed and the damage has not been estimated.

Looting and rioting which started with the fire was brought to a halt by military patrols.

GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL SCHEER 'TURREDOED'

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nounced in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister.

Scuttlings

The following known scuttlings have taken place:—the tanker, Skagerrak, of 8,044 tons (on being sighted by a British cruiser) and the German ship, Maine (on being sighted by the Norwegian destroyer, Drang, crew and conveyed them to a British which picked up some 60 of the port).

The Drang now forms a part of the Allied naval forces.

It has been reported that the German tanker, Kattgat, has been sunk by Norwegians in the Skagerrak.

It will be noticed that no mention is made of the loss of any U-boats. It would be incorrect to assume that positive results were not attained.

U.S. May Be Dragged Into War, Paper Warns

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Dutch newspaper "Volk", in discussing Mr. Winston Churchill's speech, says: "It is the British sobriety which appeals to us Netherlands and arouses confidence."

Agreeing with Mr. Churchill's conviction that Hitler committed a strategic error, the "Handelsblad" says: "It looks as if the growing persistence in Norway might be a danger to the Germans who may be cut off."

The destruction of the German destroyers at Narvik provides the chief war story in all the New York papers.

The "New York Times" says, "The warning nations are not alone in believing that their existence depends on the outcome of this war. Every neutral country, no matter how far from Europe or how determined they are to stay out of this war, must reassess its position in the light of the result of the German drive. Germany has now shown that she will not hesitate to crush any neutral in her path if by that she will gain a

Inspection Of Fires

The growth of the Colony and of the Police Force since 1895, when the Fire-Inspection Ordinance was passed, and the establishment of Police Stations in outlying districts has rendered it necessary and convenient for inspections and reports on premises where a fire has taken place to be made by the Police officer in charge of the districts concerned, and a Bill to this effect will be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

Under the principal Ordinance, inspections and reports had to be made either personally by the Commissioner of Police or by some officer of Police of grade not lower than an Inspector.

Clause 2 of the amending Bill substitutes accordingly the words "by the Police officer in charge of the district or by such Police officer as shall be deputed by the Superintendent in charge of the Division."

Magisterial Investigations

Similarly section 4 of the Ordinance, which deals with subsequent magisterial investigations as to the causes of fires, gives certain rights of audience to "any Police officer not below the rank of Inspector."

In some cases it is more convenient and desirable to give the exercise of these rights of audience to the officer who had personally inspected the premises and made the report.

Clause 3 of the Bill adds accordingly the words "or the Police officer in charge of the district or such Police officer as shall be deputed by the Superintendent in charge of the Division" after the words "rank of Inspector."

His Job Is To See Sailors Get Grog

ALL demands for supplies for the Navy, including the sailor's daily grog (rum-and-water) ration, and special diet for submarine men, have been adequately met since the war began.

War-time problems have greatly increased the responsibilities of the Director of Victualling, whose department operates at the Admiralty under the Fourth Sea Lord.

Not only food, but clothing, galley utensils, crockery and cutlery, are supplied by the department.

All men over 20 are allowed one-half of a pint of grog, or, if they prefer it, 3d. a day instead.

Men on exposed duty get extra food, while submarine personnel have special diet in addition to the normal rations.

Lammy Suits

Every ship attached to Northern bases has an ample supply of duffle clothing, known to the sailor as lammy suits, on account of their being made of llama wool.

In times of severe weather voluntary efforts to supplement winter comforts are welcomed.

WHY GERMANS NEED LEBENSRAUM

SUCH A SUPERIOR RACE

AMSTERDAM. Remarkable statements about the "superiority of the German race" were made by Dr. Ley, the jovial leader of the German Labour Front, in a speech to Nazi "educational leaders" in Berlin.

"An inferior race," he said, "needs less space, less food and less culture than a superior race. A German could never live in the same conditions as a Pole or a Jew."

"We Germans regard it as a great blessing that the German worker is racially on the same level as the German business man, the German farmer and the German engineer. Only among racially equal men is a national community possible such as we have created in the Germany of Adolf Hitler."

"How different are the conditions in the English plutocracy! They carry the Bible in their hands and ruin for the whole world in their brain. That is England and the English."

NAZIS TRYING TO KILL HAAKON

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office announces that the Norwegian Government has informed the British Government that German aircraft evidently have orders to attack the King of Norway personally, as they are bombing every successive place at which he stays in.

The action follows the refusal of King Haakon to negotiate in person with the German Minister at Oslo.

Lord Haw-Haw Has Biggest Radio Audience

He Calls Us "Liars" In Oxford Accent

LONDON, (UP).—At 9.15 o'clock to-night thousands of British radio listeners will hurriedly switch from the B.B.C. to a point on their dial where a suave voice will be announcing in English: "This is Hamburg, Bremen and DJA."

That will be 'Lord Haw-Haw' the clown of the war to thousands of Britons, who delight in his venomous, tongue-tied, English, but who has been called competent by David Lloyd-George and dangerous by Harold Nicolson.

Probably no American radio star is listened to and followed with the assiduous attention "Lord Haw-Haw" receives from the British. They have a fondness for him that might almost be called affection. He relieves the tedium of the black-out and other forms of boredom of this war. He was dubbed "Haw-Haw" because of his broad Oxford accent.

Almost nightly since the war began "Lord-Haw-Haw" of Zee-sen has been calling the British liars and worse in a smooth Oxford accent. He mixes derision, contempt and sneers on his grid to fry Winston Churchill, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and the Ministry of Information in particular.

Harold Nicolson, well-known commentator, writing in The Spectator, warns that the British public has been "in all too receptive a frame of mind" in their tolerant attitude toward Lord Haw-Haw.

Dangerous Propaganda

"I regard these broadcasts as very dangerous indeed. The technique adopted by Lord Haw-Haw has, with unusual German thoroughness, been carefully studied in advance. His object is to sap the morale of this country."

"He well knows that constant vituperation or patent lies would create animosity and contempt; his system, is to conceal the poison of half truths within the sugar-coating of a conjuror's prattle. His listeners are under the impression that they are being entertained by some comic interlude; they swallow the poison unaware."

British authorities disdain the German method of banning foreign broadcasts and likewise would not cause technical interference with Lord Haw-Haw's talks. But the BBC and the Ministry of Information have started to counter his statements.

Nicolson warns, however, that it is "a dangerous illusion" to believe that the good sense of the British people "is impervious to the falsification in which Lord Haw-Haw indulges."

One night he sinks the British battle cruiser Repulse or a couple of cruisers, the next he pictures the "horrors" of British concentration camps or recounts the British "enslavement" of other races. His suave, lively certainty brooks no contradiction.

Quick On Job

If the BBC announces that another German submarine has been bagged or describes a quackish British attack on German aerial mine-laying bases, Lord Haw-Haw probably will give it "the lie" fifteen minutes later. Some he angers, but most listeners he delights. For months there was much speculation as to who he was, whether a renegade Englishman or a German who had been educated and formerly lived in England.

The Germans keep his identity a close secret and the English have given up thinking of him as anything but a caricature—usually portrayed as a long-nosed, big-mouthed blonde Englishman with a monocle, the type familiar to the old American vaudeville stage or the Percy of the comic strips.

The vituperation he pours down on the heads of British leaders may be received gleefully by some listeners but official quarters are known to consider him a real menace.

Haw-Haw's fame has even begun to surpass that of Hitler. Recently he was an alibi in a court case in which the owner of a bar was summoned for serving drinks after the licensing hours.

"Come on, let's have one for the road," two police officers testified they heard a voice say from within the bar. The landlord was discharged when he testified that it was Lord Haw-Haw's cultured voice uttering the famous English "night-cap" saying over the radio.

Occupation Of Denmark

The Hague, Apr. 14. German troops estimated at 70,000 have been passing through Copenhagen in the last two days according to members of the British, French and Polish diplomatic party numbering 180 who have arrived at The Hague from Copenhagen, bringing the first eyewitness accounts of the occupation of that city. Included in the party was the British Minister at Copenhagen, Mr. Howard Smith, who was arrested and locked up for several hours on April 9.

A girl who had been working at the British Legation said that it all came as a fantastic surprise. At 5 a.m. the Germans tricked into the city and occupied it with only about a battalion of men at first. They brought 50 bombers which dropped leaflets telling the population what happened.

"I hurried to the Legation and rang the bell," the girl stated. The door was opened and I was confronted by two German soldiers armed to the teeth. Later the Germans commandeered a brewer's lorry and took the Legation staff, who had arrived one by one and fell into the same trap as I had done, to a fortress where they locked us up. Mr. Howard Smith was spared that indignity and went by car. They let us out during the afternoon and we were more or less free."

Another member of the Legation staff said that luckily they had time to burn all the ciphers before the Germans came.

Eyewitnesses say that the Danes seem to be dazed by the events. They are calm and have no idea what the future holds.

The Legation party crossed to Germany in a sealed train.—Reuter.

BLOCKADE COMPLETED

London, Apr. 14. The Admiralty announces that the Allied blockade of the whole of the German coast line by extending the minefield into the Baltic, heretofore regarded by Germany as her private sea.

The minefield includes all the Kattegat not previously mined in addition to all the Baltic south of the Kattegat in the west and south of a line drawn from the southernmost part of Sweden to the Prussian border in the east.

It is emphasised, however, that mines were not laid in Swedish territorial waters.—United Press.

Audacious Exploit

London, Apr. 14. The minelaying is described in London as a singularly and audacious exploit by the Navy.—Reuter.

Berlin Claims

Berlin, Apr. 14. A High Command communiqué refers to the operations at Narvik as a serious engagement and says that the British forces in yesterday's attack lost a destroyer, a large number of carriers, cruisers and a large number of destroyers. Nevertheless the German destroyers attacked the superior British force.

It claims that the destroyer Cossack was set ablaze and ran aground and that the destroyer Eskimo and others were seriously damaged or destroyed. No German losses are specified.

In operations elsewhere the communiqué claims that a U-boat torpedoed a cruiser of the Glasgow class north of the Shetlands and submarine chasers destroyed three enemy submarines in the Skagerrak.—Reuter.

NEW USE FOR DRUG

STILL another use has been found for M. and B. 693, the wonderful drug discovered by Dr. A. J. Evans, of Upminster, Essex. It is to cure cerebro-spinal, or spotted fever.

Dr. Evans created the drug in the laboratories of Messrs. May and Baker at Dagenham. It was given its name because it was the 693rd synthetic substance produced at the laboratory.

Recently the Ministry of Health published a memorandum on the new treatment of cerebro-spinal fever by the use of this drug.

Thousands Saved

M. and B. 693 has already saved thousands of lives by conquering pneumonia. It has reduced the pneumonia death rate from 40 and 50 per cent. to 5 and 10 per cent.

Now amazing results are being obtained with it in the fight against cerebro-spinal fever. Already deaths have been reduced from 50 per cent. to 10 per cent.

Dr. Evans discovered the drug in 1938 after four years of experiment. However, he refused to discuss its new application.

"If you want to speak to me about M. and B. 693," he said, "I'm afraid I shall give you the same answer as I have given these past two years—I don't wish to be brought into the matter, or any song made about it."

A doctor, however, said: "The secret of the drug is that it must be administered early in the fever. The recovery of patients is so rapid that in a few weeks they are their normal selves."

Government Lines

Change-Over To Company's System

On Sunday, April 21, at 9 a.m. the present system of Government telephones on the Island of Hongkong will be changed over to automatic working.

This does not mean that outside callers to Government have anything different to do than before. They will still dial "30" and ask the Government operator to connect them to the extension they require. After being put through they will hear the ringing or busy signal and will control the call themselves. The operator will do nothing more after ascertaining the required number and switching the call through.

All the numbers of the extensions have been changed and users will speed up their own call by referring to the Telephone Directory, green section, and noting the new number required. These numbers are given in the third column under the heading "Automatic System Number" therefore, the outside caller should note that he still dials "30," but should note the new extension number and after asking the operator for it, will listen to the tones.

Internal Use

Government servants using the system internally will dial the new number contained in the 3rd column whenever they want an extension on the system on Hongkong Island. If they want the Hongkong Telephone Co.'s System, they prefix the number they require by "0," which will put them on to the public exchange. If they want Kowloon Government System, they will dial "8" to obtain the Kowloon operator.

Both members of the public and Government servants should note that the system in Kowloon remains unchanged. The magneto system will be used by Government servants as before for internal calls, and members of the public will still dial 50071 to obtain any Government Department in the Kowloon area.

Norwegians Resisting

London, Apr. 14. The close contact which the Norwegian troops are keeping with the German forces is shown by a report received in London this afternoon that south-east of Oslo the Norwegians blew up a bridge just as the Germans were crossing. Many Germans were killed.—Reuter.

Germans Retreat

Paris, Apr. 14. According to a Stockholm despatch, following the fighting at Elidsvold, 40 miles north-east of Oslo, the Germans are reported to have been forced to retreat southwards. Over 1,000 Norwegian refugees crossed the Swedish frontier beyond Kongsvinger during the night.—Reuter.

Norwegians Attack

London, Apr. 14. The Exchange Telegraph's Stockholm correspondent reported that 20,000 Norwegians attacked the German forces at Oslo.—United Press.

TWO BIG ATTACKS

Paris, Apr. 14. The Western Front saw two big attacks yesterday. At dawn the Germans launched a well-prepared onslaught with a whole company. It was preceded by heavy artillery preparation including large calibre mortars and extended nearly a mile of front. The attackers reached barbed wire entanglements near the French lines where they were beaten off with heavy losses by French artillery and infantry fire.

West of the Vosges a flying squad delivered a bold attack and captured a German post. Details of this feat are not yet available.

There was also an engagement yesterday between French and German detachments who met in an abandoned village on the Nied front. The body of a German officer who led yesterday's attack on an island in the Rhine has been found.—Reuter.

FIRST RALLY OF AUXILIARY NURSES

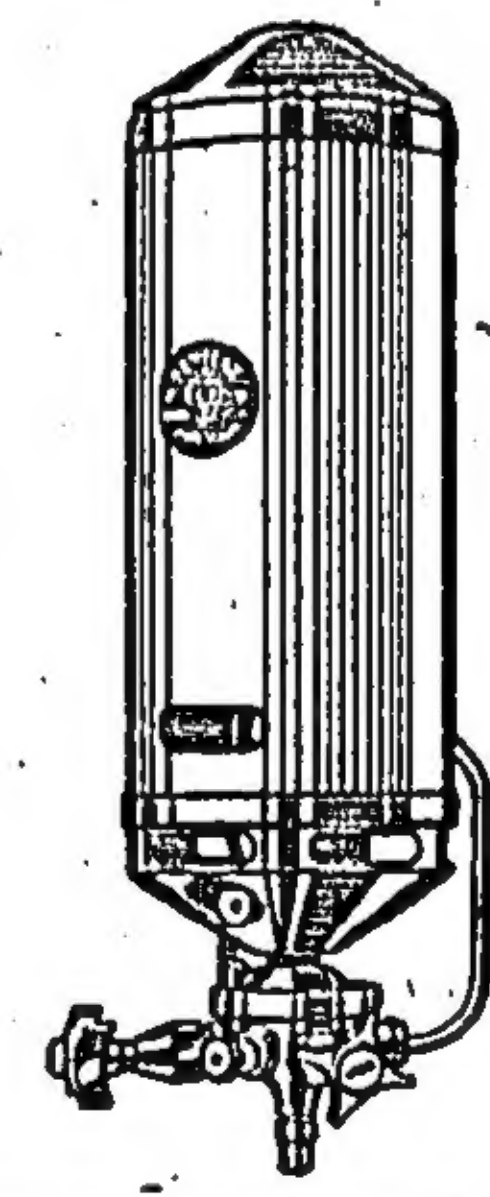
His Excellency Admiral Sir Percy Noble will preside over the first rally of the Auxiliary Nursing Service at the China Fleet Club to-day, in place of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who is indisposed. Lady Northcote will present the certificates of first aid, home nursing and hospital training to the nurses.

The Auxiliary Nursing Service came into being last year to meet the potential needs of the civilian population. Nearly 340 ladies, Chinese and European, have joined the Service, thanks to the energetic action of Mrs. A. V. Peters, the Chairman, and her body of willing workers. It is understood that this number is rather less than half that which may be needed, should it be found necessary to expand hospital accommodation rapidly as has been done in the Home Country. All who can do so, are urged to get in touch as soon as possible with the Honorary Secretary of the Auxiliary Nursing Service at the Queen Mary Hospital to volunteer their services.

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Britain's War Honours

Only Two Take No Regard Of Rank

LONDON, (UP).—Out of the 26 honours to be won in war time, there are only two given with no regard to rank, class, or income. They are the Victoria Cross and the Empire Gallantry Medal.

Both these medals may be awarded posthumously, and the Empire Gallantry medal is the highest award for gallantry other than the Victoria Cross.

The highest honour for service is, strictly speaking, the Order of Merit. Then follows the Order of the Bath. Next, The Order of the British Empire with its various divisions. Members of the merchant navy have been made officers of this order.

There are two awards which are exclusively naval. One is the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, the other the Distinguished Service Cross. The question of awards for the merchant service has raised a problem. The Germans must not be given an excuse for saying the merchant service is part of the navy, therefore, least merchant seamen fall into enemy hands, they must not be given a naval decoration.

Naval decorations are to be withheld from this order but it has been decided that they should be able to qualify for the Order of the British Empire in the civilian divisions.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

CHINESE RETAIN THE LAI WAH CUP

Army Defeated 3-1 After Leading 1-0 At Interval

(By "Rex")

Army were again bested by Chinese, after leading one goal to nil in the first half, when they met in the final of the Lai Wah Cup at Club ground yesterday, the final score being three goals to one.

Chinese were better all round, their forwards had more cohesion, which reduced to a great extent the advantage Army had on the heavy ground. Despite poor visibility, both custodians gave a remarkable performance, Duncan being the better of the two, saving, on a few occasions, from the feet of the opposing forwards.

Tam Kwan-kon kept his charge very well. His handling of the slippery ball was safe, and he pulled off some nice saves from deceptive high shots.

Hau Yung-sung gave a brilliant performance, and easily overshadowed his partner Lee Tin-sung. He covered up well for Lee, and had the full measure of Army's left flank.

Soong Ling-sing capped an excellent day's play with a fine goal from well outside the penalty area. He was the best of the halves, spoiling tremendously, and feeling well. The Kam-hung came in for a share of the half backs' glory. Although not always getting the better of Gordon, he, to a great extent, diverted several dangerous Army moves. Leung Wing-chiu played better than he has for quite some time, and was responsible for some of the Chinese raids.

LEE WAI TONG EXCELS

LEE Wai-tong played his hardest game this season, and deserved at least two more goals. Fully aware of Bright's presence, he hardly ever attempted to break through, but sent beautiful passes to his wing men. When unattended by Bright, he sent in beautiful drives which had the misfortune to hit the posts and rebound the wrong way. Fung King-cheong and Chan Tak-fat rendered yeoman services for their side. They, too, were very unfortunate with some of their shots. The change-over in the second half, when Chan led with Fung on his right and Lee on his left, found the inside trio in their element, and only the superb goalkeeping of Duncan kept the score at its low ebb.

Ip Pak-wah was the harder worked winger, Tang Kwong-sun was neglected most of the time. Ip's centres were always a source of constant danger to Army, and ever and anon he would be in front of Army goal peppering at Duncan. Duncan was in great form. I venture to say that, had visibility been good, he would have been unbeatable. Chan's goal would have been saved if the ground had been hard and not slippery.

Guy played a surprisingly good game at back. He was unfortunate in fouling Lee, the goal scored may have had its effect on the result.

ARMY HALVES SHINE

ARMY's half-back line was most times the backbone of the team. Bright's policy of Lee, and later of Chan, left little to be desired. He gave both players very little scope, at the same time striving to get his forwards moving. Freshwater and Birrell gave him excellent support, spoiling and feeling indefatigably. They were alternately up with the forwards, down with the defence, peppering the opposite goal, and blocking their goal.

Army's forward line, however, did not come up to mark. Fox was very much left in the cold, the attacks originating from either flank, ended with that flank, Fleming, surprisingly enough, struck up an early understanding with Duffield, and gave a hectic afternoon. Gordon and Hosack, at the other end, combined well, and were the more effective pair getting closer than their opposite pair to the goal. Their shooting on the whole was deplorable, considering the chances they had, they should have had more than the single goal.

Chinese attacked from the whistle and Duncan was seen to save from Tang's centre. Chan's shot was blocked for Lee to possess and shoot just out. Hosack at the other end centred for Tam to fumble before clearing. Brilliant combination by Chan, Fung King-see saw the ball quickly transferred to Army area, quickly parting drive struck the post. Chinese kept up the pressure and their forwards showed excellent understanding, and positioned themselves well for accurate passes.

ARMY OPEN SCORE

ARMY rallied to stage a raid on Chinese area. Fox was brought down by Soong, and a penalty was awarded Army. Hosack scored with a beautiful shot from the spot to open for Army. The whistle shortly blew for the interval.

Chinese took matters into their hands and raided Army area systematically. Army halves rose to the occasion to defend well, and with a little success. After pressing for some time, Lee received a perfect through pass from Fung, and, on the

VOLUNTEERS' RIFLE MEET

Excellent Attendance Indicates Two-Day Shoot Next Year

BAD WEATHER and a strong wind failed to spoil the Volunteer Rifle Meeting which was successfully held at the Kowloon City Rifle ranges yesterday. The timing, which required an immense amount of organisation, worked perfectly.

Despite a 25 minutes' delay at the beginning of the shoot, all competitions were finished on time. Owing to the large number of entries, it was said that it is now obvious that one day for the Corps meeting is not enough and that another year there will either be a revision of the practices or have at least two days.

Towards the end of the meeting a minor accident occurred on "B" range when a butt registrar, a member of the Middlesex Regiment, was injured on the knee by an iron plate which fell. The man was not seriously injured and was able to walk when he left the ranges for medical attendance.

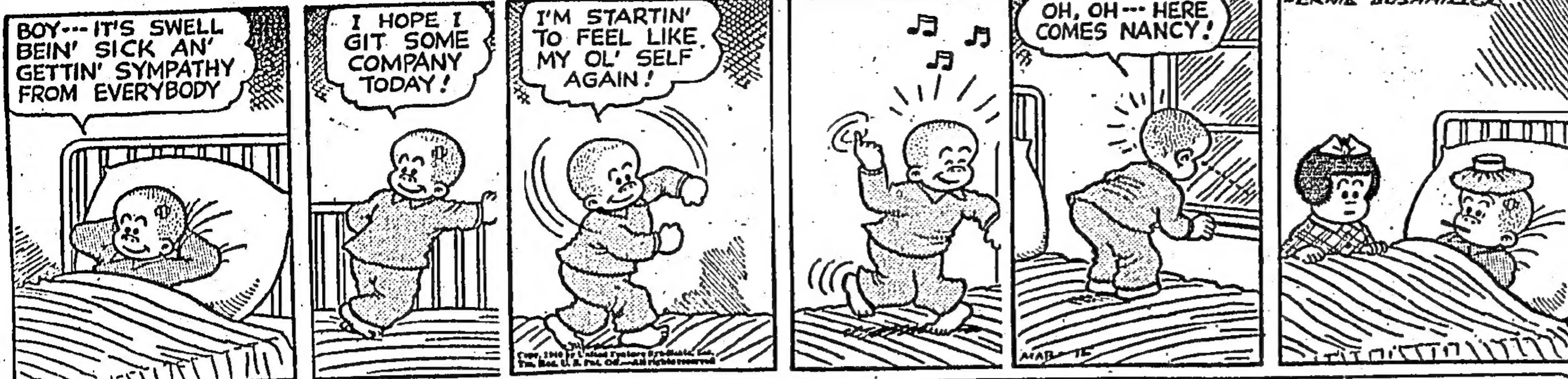
Capt. Le Sellaire, R.E., and Lt. Otway, R.E., who acted as firing point officers throughout the day contributed to the success of the meeting.

THE RESULTS

With the exception of the Francis Cup, the following results are only provisional. The full results were not available yesterday as checking has to be done:

Francis Cup—1. No. 5 Coy. "A" (Lt. Cpl. J. M. Xavier, Sgt. Balcon, L/Cpl. Pereira, Pte. G. A. Ribeiro); 2. Corps of Signals "A" (Sgt. W. E. S. B. R. Y. Sig. C. L. Salter, Sgt. N. J. Hooker); 3. 2nd Battery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 4. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 5. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 6. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 7. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 8. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 9. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 10. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 11. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 12. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 13. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 14. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 15. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 16. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 17. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 18. 1st. Bn. Royal Artillery (Lt. Bdr. Assessor); 19. 1st. Bn. 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NANCY



Hotel Girl From Germany Arrested

A SLIM, fair-haired girl who had been the receptionist in the New Norfolk Hotel, Princes-street, Paddington, W., for two months, charmed visitors and staff.

Recently her place was taken by another woman, and enquirers were surprised to learn that she had been arrested under the Defence Regulations.

Miss Rose Falkner, about 33 years old, had told people that she was imprisoned in Germany at the start of the war.

"All Liked Her"

As one of a party of English-women she had been repatriated to England, where she was born.

Her father was German, she said; her mother British. Both were in Germany now.

But she told everyone that she had no interest in politics and that all her sympathies were with Britain.

"She was a pleasant, happy-go-lucky sort of girl, and we all liked her," one of the porters said.

"She showed no emotion when two Scotland Yard men came to arrest her."

"She went up and packed some clothes into a bag, then went off with them in a police car."

Good At Her Job

The manager said he knew nothing of Miss Falkner's personal affairs. "Her references were all right, and her work was first class, and that is all I bothered about," he said.

Defence Regulation 18 B, under which Miss Falkner was arrested, gives power to the Home Secretary to order the detention of anybody if he is satisfied that this is necessary "to prevent the person acting in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the defence of the Realm."

Detention under this regulation is "for custodial purposes only, and not for any punitive purposes."

Confessed To Perfect Crime, Then Escaped

PARIS.

ROGER CHARTIER, 26-year-old amateur detective, of Chartres, alleged to have turned murderer by poisoning the mother of his girl friend and committing "the perfect crime," is being sought by police throughout France.

While being questioned at the police station he leaped from the ground floor window and disappeared.

In a diary found by the police Chartier is said to have described the mistakes of criminals and his own in great detail, together with every detail of "the perfect crime."

Plunged Into Her Heart

The notes even included conversations with the woman, 60-year-old Madame Hubin, and told how he gave her an injection of hydrocyanic (prussic) acid which he had stolen from a laboratory at Chartres and kept in his room.

According to the police, Chartier murdered Madame Hubin after hearing her scolding her daughter for going about with him.

He went to the laboratory he had set up in his home and filled a hypodermic syringe with the acid.

Returning to his friend's house Chartier found Madame Hubin alone in the kitchen washing dishes. He is stated to have held her with his left hand and with his right to have plunged the needle three times into the region of her heart.

The police say that, not content with committing "the perfect crime," and writing an entire account of it in his diary, which he concealed in his room, Chartier began to give to friends and relatives, guarded hints of what he had done.

An anonymous letter led to his arrest.

AMBASSADOR TO AUSSIE



NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE RESERVISTS

DARWIN ROMANCE

ROMANCE was at the end of a record long distance flight for Wing Commander Richard Kellett, R.A.F.

This was revealed in the announcement on Monday by Miss Dorothy Abbott, the younger daughter of the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Mr. C. Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, of her engagement to Wing Commander Kellett.

It was Wing Commander Kellett, who as Squadron Leader, led the R.A.F. Victoria Welliesley bombers in November, 1938, on the record hop from Egypt to Darwin.

Miss Abbott met Wing Commander Kellett at Darwin when the bombers landed here. He and his brother officers were the guests of her father at Government House. She renewed the acquaintance in September last, when she visited London.

Wing Commander Kellett distinguished himself recently when he led a raid by British bombers on Heligoland.

KOSCIUSKO

To commemorate the centenary of the ascent of Australia's highest mountain by Count Strzelecki, a large bronze tablet was unveiled on the summit of Mt. Kosciuszko, yesterday. The mountain was named after the Polish leader, Kosciuszko, by Strzelecki, whose own name is perpetuated in the Strzelecki ranges in Victoria.

The unveiling was performed by the Consul-General for Poland (Mr. L. de Noskowskii).

VICTORIAN POLITICS

Efforts are still being made to induce a member of the State Cabinet to oppose Mr. Dunstan in the leadership of the Government and of the parliamentary group of the United Country Party.

It was reported in State Parliamentary circles that since two members were approached some time ago and rejected the proposals overtures have been made to a third member. At least one private member of the Parliamentary group also has been approached in an effort to persuade him to withdraw his support from the Premier. It was hinted in him that if he refused to do so he would be ousted in his electorate.

PRICE OF FOOD

Despite the increased cost of living in other directions, food prices in Australia have actually dropped since the war. This is revealed in latest retail price indices issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Wilton). They show that last January food was on an average 4 per cent. cheaper than in December and 14 per cent. cheaper than in January, 1939. Decreases last January were most substantial in Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia, but in Queensland there was a two per cent. rise. Tea and salmon were the only main items substantially dearer.

BIG ESTATE

MELBOURNE. Estate for probate at £153,013 was left in Victoria by the late Archibald Currie, of Toorak and Bonville, grazier. Subject to certain legacies the estates go to the widow and daughters.

SYDNEY'S DRY-TIME

The present dry spell in Sydney, is the worst for 60 years, and has been

surpassed on only two occasions in the past 10 years. Gardening experts say that the drought has reached almost unparalleled seriousness along the coastline. Sydney particularly feeling the effects, which have been aggravated by frequent westerly winds during and since last winter. The Hunter Valley, is also drought stricken.

COMMUNISTS STONED

MELBOURNE. Tomatoes, stones and thick tree branches were thrown at Communist speakers at the Yarra Bank on Sunday afternoon. Intervention by squads of police on many occasions saved nasty incidents from developing into all-in fights. There were 150 police controlling the crowd, which was estimated at 5,000. A man, who tried to climb over the Communist fence, was hauled off by police. When he resisted them, he was struck on the head with a baton and knocked out. He was admitted to hospital suffering concussion.

The meeting had been in progress for an hour when the trouble started. Soldiers commenced organised heckling and counting out. At the end of another hour, Communists picked up and prepared to leave. Most of them showed signs of battle, the majority were covered with tomatoes. As a truck moved off, a section of the onlookers became hostile and moved in a threatening way towards the slowly moving truck, which was surrounded by a cordon of police with batons drawn.

As the truck passed under some trees, children in the trees showered rocks, tomatoes, and thick tree branches into the truck. The Communists used no protection in the truck and used their arms to ward off the flying stones.

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Inventor Becomes A Soviet Hero

MOSCOW.

M. VASSILI DEGTAREV has been made Hero of the Soviet Union, the Order of Lenin, and awarded a premium of 50,000 rubles (about £2,000), for outstanding services in designing new and highly important models of Red Army armament.

Commenting on the award "Izvestia" writes "Degtarev's inventions have been of great importance in enhancing the technical might of the Red Army."

"The Infantry, aviation and tank troops have received armaments by no means inferior and in certain respects surpassing the best foreign models."

Degtarev invented and constructed the light machine-gun generally used by the Red Army since 1927 and also machine-guns for tanks and aeroplanes.—Reuter.

[FACTS.—Hero of the Soviet Union, Russia's highest honour. Recipients also receive Order of Lenin and are entitled "to enter a train on front platform." Given to shock workers; can only be taken away by Central Executive Committee.]

EXPLOITS OF EVELYN, 17

WHEN a seventeen-year-old factory girl, said to be "fond of visiting exotic hotel lounges and seeking the company of R.A.F. officers," was accused at Chester of stealing a watch, police alleged that she—

Joined the W.A.A.F. last year but was dismissed as under age on staying away from her billet.

Told fantastic stories of family wealth and position. Bought a "wedding" ring and stayed at hotels with a man.

The girl, Evelyn Mary Hiley, of Philip-street, Hoole, Chester, who appeared unconcerned as her exploits were related, was remanded in custody with a view to her being sent to a Manchester home for six months.

"Not Good Enough"

She admitted stealing the watch from a fellow employee at a local works.

Chief-Inspector Mackay said the girl was placed on probation last November for stealing a dress from an hotel.

Her parents were respectable people, but she frequently said her home was not good enough for her.

She associated with R.A.F. men, visiting leading hotels in Chester. After spending an evening with a man, she would be escorted to a large house which she pretended was her home. After being left at the front door, she would make her way to her real home in a working-class district.

The girl had also given her address as a large private house, where she would call for letters.

On February 6 she was reported missing from home. Three days later she called at Chester police office and asked a detective not to disclose her identity to a man with whom she had been away.

Stayed At Hotels

She was using the name Penelope Hiley, giving an address and telephone number in County Antrim. She stayed the night with a man at a Chester hotel on February 3, later visited a Woolworth's store and bought a ring intended to resemble a wedding ring. She then stayed with the man two nights at a Liverpool hotel under the names Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

When their funds were exhausted they returned to Chester and stayed at another hotel.

The girl was described as an expert sneak-thief and inveterate liar. She had played upon the sympathy of her parents.

Freddie Gets An Injunction

FREDDIE BARTHOLOMEW has been granted an injunction which forbids his parents and their lawyers from pressing financial suits against him, says a Los Angeles message. This falls three suits—one for £250,000 brought by his parents, another for £10,000, and a third for £1,900 for lawyer's fees.

HIS BRIDE—SISTER

AN orphaned boy and girl, who learned that they were brother and sister shortly after they were married, will be separated permanently, despite the fact that they are expecting a child.

While at a home she inflicted superficial injuries to her throat, forehead and wrists and had to be taken to hospital.

Evelyn had nothing to say for herself in court.

The couple—Leroy Williamson, twenty, and his bride, Virginia, eighteen—insisted to the Juvenile Court of Indianapolis, U.S.A., that they were not related.

They were married on January 6, in spite of the protests of Virginia's foster-parents that they were in close blood-relationship.

Judge Bradshaw, of the Juvenile Court, ordered the couple to be separated temporarily while an investigation of court records, birth certificates and orphanage records was carried out.

Missing links in the history of Leroy and Virginia were supplied by Mrs. Crystal Clair Barker, of Urbana, Ill., who said she was their maternal aunt.

Wards Of Court

Mrs. Barker said her sister, Helen Williamson, gave birth to a son in 1910 at Indianapolis. She was unmarried at the time, and the son lived with her until 1924, when she died.

He then became a ward of the Juvenile Court. That child is Leroy.

Mrs. Barker said: "In April, 1921, Helen Williamson bore a daughter. Mrs. Barker said that her sister signed a petition which made this child also a ward of the Court."

The daughter was first named Crystal Westfield, but when she was placed in an orphan's home a few days later she was named Crystal Clair Williamson. Subsequently she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wolfe, and was given the name Virginia Wolfe.



There's A Song About Rationing

IT'S A SALVATION ARMY "HIT"

THE Salvation Army is on top of the news.

In the last issue of "War Cry" appears a topical song inspired by rationing.

Its title is "You can't ration sunshine," and its lyric-writer and composer is Oliver Cooke, a retired Songster-leader of the Army, who lives in Southend-lane, Catford, S.E.

Catchy

Here is the catchy refrain: You can't ration sunshine, you can't ration rain!

You can't ration that which gives the bright golden grain! There's plenty in store—there's enough and to spare;

The rich man, the poor man can have an equal share: So there's no cause for worry—God's promises declare

That you can't ration sunshine or rain!

His Hobby

Songster-leader Cooke used to be a collector for a gas company. He retired from that job about two years ago.

He used to play the organ and piano. Now he is crippled with arthritis and rheumatism—but he gives more spare time than ever to his hobby of composing.

He works in the real tradition of the first General Booth, who said, "Why should the Devil have all the good things?"

Inspiration

Songster-leader Cooke works quickly. He has written over 1,000 songs, and they have been translated into many languages. "I Know a Fountain"—written on top of a bus—is the most popular of his.

As for "You can't ration sunshine," Songster-leader Cooke said: "It was just an idea I had at breakfast one morning."

"We were talking about rationing, so I sat down and scribbled out a few words, then wrote the music."

Now, then, all together—"You can't ration sunshine, you can't ration rain . . ."

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The King's Doctor Has Some Hard Things To Say About His Own Profession

Training Is Wrong: "Spurious Sanctity Of Harley Street"

FROM the King's Physician, Professor J. A. Ryle, Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge University, comes strong criticism of the present methods of medical training and an attack on the "spurious sanctity of Harley Street."

Writing in the "Lancet" he suggests that the upheaval caused by the war should be used as an opportunity to found a new system.

Medical teaching, he declares, was on the decline before the war, owing to the exactions of private practice on the time and energy of a teacher-consultant and the multiplication of subjects on the medical curriculum.

WOULD GIVE UP JOBS FOR LOVE

"WOULD you choose marriage, or a career, or prefer to combine both?"

HAD £2 -FINDS £30,000

WHEN Arthur Carrat, of Binbrook, North Lincolnshire, said he was going to Western Australia, he surprised the villagers, who liked the lad but thought he was lacking in pushfulness.

On leaving school, Arthur became a surgery boy. Then he went to Grimsby and became a baker's boy. He married a Grimsby girl and shortly afterwards, with only £2 in his pocket, he set out for Australia, saying the prospects at home did not seem good.

Binbrook promptly forgot him, but this week, fifteen years after he set sail, the news leaked out that he had stumbled on a gold mine. Then everybody started talking about him once more.

Interest was first aroused when a mysterious looking parcel was delivered to Mrs. William Day, Arthur's sister.

Surprise for Sister

"I could scarcely believe it was true," Mrs. Day said.

"The parcel contained a large coloured picture of my brother and his son sitting at a table piled with gold bars. It was their own gold."

"Father and I were some time before we could really take it in, then it was nearly too much for father, who is eighty. He was almost overcome by the thought of it."

Describing the story behind the discovery of the mine, from which over £30,000 of gold has already been recovered, Mrs. Day said:

"It was really young John, Arthur's boy. He was growing up and was tired by the heavy work on the farm with nothing to see at the end of the day."

"They went out prospecting together, Arthur and John, but at first results were disappointing. In two months they got only 2oz. of gold."

"Then their luck suddenly turned and they struck it rich. My brother told me that for only 12cwt. of stone they realised £15,000. Their find is the talk of Western Australia."

Mrs. Day added that but for the war her brother would have been coming back to Lincolnshire shortly. He often spoke about Binbrook in his letters home.

"He is anxious now that his father should be properly provided for," she said.

LATE NEWS

Nearly 200 girls from high, secondary, and well-known boarding schools, were asked this question.

Their replies are analysed by Dr. Edith Mercer in the January "Occupational Psychology."

The vast majority of girls were in favour of some type of work, but 77 per cent. also expressed the wish to marry.

Of 185 who were asked whether they would retain their work if they married,

22 per cent. said Yes, 38 per cent. were uncertain, and 50 per cent. thought they would give up their careers.

Incidentally, more than 50 per cent. of those wishing to take up some type of work preferred occupations open to both men and women.

CHINESE CUSTOMS CHIEF

The Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Sir Frederick Maze arrived from Shanghai yesterday.

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BRITISH DECISION
Danish Merchantmen For Prize Court

London, Apr. 13.
It has been authoritatively stated that Danish ships will be seized and put into the Prize Court, after which they will be regulated by the Allies and the masters and crews will be permitted to continue to operate under the Allied flag.

To Seize 705 Steamers
Washington, Apr. 13.
Sources attached to the British Embassy here to-day said the Allies are contemplating seizing 705 ships of the Danish Merchant Marine with a total tonnage of 1,175,000.

An official spokesman said the ships may be seized on the theory that Denmark cannot be considered a neutral in view of the fact that she permitted Germany to assume protection of her territory.

The Danish Legation here said they had heard these reports but at noon to-day for an undisclosed Danish Captains had been advised by the B.B.C. to ignore instructions from Copenhagen and to proceed to British ports.—United Press.

Philippines Concern
Manila, Apr. 13.
Manuel Roxas revealed to-day that the Commonwealth is negotiating with Britain, United States and Norway for the charter or purchase of ships for service between the United States and the Philippines.

Scandinavian ships are now carrying 40 per cent. of the Philippine exports to the United States, therefore it is anticipated the British action of seizing Norwegian and Danish ships will seriously disrupt the Philippine export trade.

Manuel Roxas said the Commonwealth would seek to transfer Swedish ships to Philippine registry in view of the possibility of Sweden being involved in the European war. It is understood the Government is seriously concerned over the possibility of rice shortage due to the lack of shipping between Saigon, Siam and the Philippines.

The Norwegian steamer Fortland arrived in Manila to-day from Shanghai. Although she was scheduled to call on Hongkong, evidently she evaded the British Colony on orders from Norway. The Norwegian steamer Tallman sailed at noon to-day for an undisclosed destination.—United Press.

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NAZIS ABANDON NARVIK: FACING BIG ARMY AT OSLO

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from a Norwegian news agency office at Bodoe, the German troops have abandoned Narvik and are taking refuge in the difficult country north and east of Narvik. Whether or not the British forces have landed is not yet known.

HARDY'S MEN DIED FIGHTING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that the casualties aboard the British destroyer Hardy, which participated in the naval action at Narvik, totalled two officers and 14 ratings killed, two ratings missing believed drowned and three officers and six ratings seriously injured.

The officers' casualties were as follows:—

- Captain R. A. Warburton-Lee, killed.
- Lieutenant O.P.W. Cross, killed.
- Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Gordon-Smith, seriously injured.
- Paymaster Lieutenant G. H. Stanning, seriously injured.
- Temporary Surgeon-Lieutenant A.P.B. Walnd, seriously injured.

ALLIES IN NARVIK

Report Unconfirmed, But Believed True

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—While there is no official confirmation or comment available on neutral reports that Allied troops have landed at Narvik, or the German reports that a large Allied expeditionary force is on the high seas, the B.B.C. to-day made a significant broadcast urging Norwegians to inform the nearest Norwegian or Allied quarters regarding the movement of German warships, troops or aircraft.

King's Promise

It is expected that the veil will be lifted soon on further details as to what Allied activities are being taken to supplement King George's assurance that the Allies are sending help to Norway.

These activities presumably could not be fulfilled without an expeditionary force.

It has also been revealed that Mr. Chamberlain, in the middle of March, told the House of Commons that an Allied emergency expeditionary force of 100,000 men was then available and ready to go to the aid of Finland.

In London it is thought that there is no reason to suppose that this force has not been held in readiness since for any emergencies.

RATIONING IN DENMARK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Radio-Copenhagen announces that the Danish Trade Minister has issued a decree stopping the manufacture of margarine and lard for the time being.

All further sales of margarine will be rationed as from to-day, each person to receive half a pound per day until May 1.

French Laud Narvik Operations

PARIS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—On the occasion of the Narvik operations, M. Paul Reynaud sent a telegram to Mr. Chamberlain, reading: "The French nation shares the British feelings of admiration and gratitude for the Royal Navy, which has just added a page to the glory of its record and inflicted a defeat on the enemy which will never heal."

Military circles describe the Narvik operations as a very severe blow to Germany and Hitler himself. At least one third of the German Navy is now said to have been destroyed. It is believed here that the Germans have not more than 35,000 troops in Norway. They are mainly concentrated around Oslo and are operating in three directions.

All France Thrilled

PARIS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—All France is thrilled and overjoyed at the news of the brilliant action of the British Navy at Narvik which is splashed on the front pages of all Paris newspapers.

"Nelson must be chuckling in his grave" was the comment of the man in the street, while the typical comment in official quarters was: "In a few hours the British Navy has shattered a bagful of Goebbels' slogans."

A semi-official statement emphasises the strategic importance of Britain's action in the North Sea and the Baltic. It says that the attempt of the Reich to occupy Norwegian ports has proved to be a very great error. Nothing now prevents the Allies from doing as they like whenever they want to in the North Sea.

20,000 Attacking Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—Exchange Telegraph from Stockholm reports that 20,000 Norwegians are attacking the German forces at Oslo.

Germans Retreat

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from Stockholm, following fighting at Elfsvald, 40 miles northeast of Oslo, the Germans are reported to have been forced to retreat to the south.

The despatch adds that over 1,000 Norwegian refugees crossed the Swedish frontier during the night.

On Defensive, Nazis Admit

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The second phase of the German operation."

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"KILL KING HAAKON" ORDER TO NAZIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

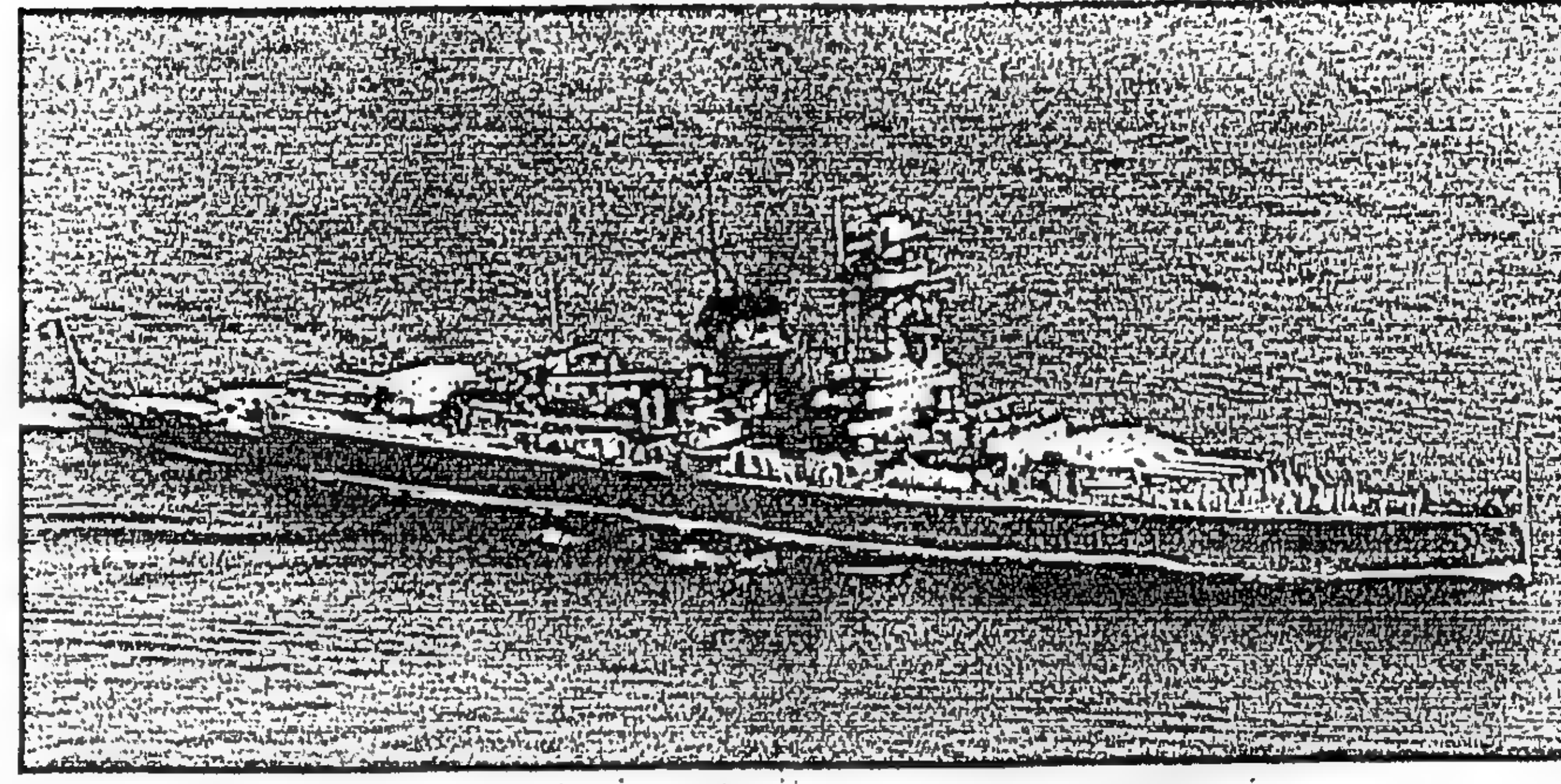
LONDON, APRIL 15 (UP).—HITLER, ANGERED THAT THE NORWEGIANS HAVE REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO HIS DEMANDS THAT THEY LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND SUBMIT PEACEFULLY TO THE NAZI INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRY, HAS APPARENTLY ORDERED HIS AIRMEN TO "GET" KING HAAKON OF NORWAY.

The Norwegian Government has officially informed the British Government that this appears to be the result of the German dictator's latest "brainstorm."

Airman Given Orders

German aircraft, the report to the British Government states, have evidently been ordered to make the Norwegian Royal Family their "target" and to personally attack King Haakon.

"German aircraft have been bombing each successive place in which His Majesty the King resides," the Note to Britain declares.



THE POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL SCHEER.

DUTCH FEAR OF INVASION BECOMES HEIGHTENED

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Dutch uneasiness was intensified over the week-end by the sensational emphasis laid by the Nazi Press on the American newspaper's suggestion that British troops might be en route to Holland, and also by a German news agency message accusing the Dutch Press of lying about the torpedoing of the Arendskerk.

Danish Ships Disregard Orders

Leave Manila; Flaunt British Admiralty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, April 15 (UP).—Apparently disregarding British Admiralty orders that Danish and Norwegian ships should proceed to British ports, the Danish motorship Panama and the Norwegian steamer Talisman left Manila yesterday for unknown destinations.

The Panama was originally scheduled to sail for Hongkong and Shanghai on Thursday. The Talisman was scheduled to leave for Shanghai.

Other Ships Remain

Waterfront reports state that the Danish ship is proceeding to the Pacific coast of the United States through the San Bernardino Straits. The Panama and Talisman are the first Danish or Norwegian ships to leave Philippine ports since the German invasion of Scandinavia.

The Norwegian vessels Tirana, Fernplant and the Danish motor vessel Lill Maersk are still in Manila.

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Sir George Cunningham, Buchanan, the internationally known engineer associated with big harbour, dock and river works in South America and South Africa.

COLDLY CORRECT

Nazi Treatment Of British Legation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (UP).—Squadron Leader Michaels, who arrived here to-day with the British Legation party from Copenhagen, told a dramatic story of the German invasion of Denmark.

"Our departure from Copenhagen was somewhat dramatic," he told "United Press."

"I must say that the German treatment of us at Copenhagen, as well as while we were en route to The Hague was correct—let me say coldly correct. This same courtesy was shown us on arrival at Benthelm, on the Dutch frontier."

Moving Leave-Taking

"Before our departure, King Christian of Denmark gave an audience to the British Minister. I understand there was a moving leave-taking."

Mr. Ronald Turnbull, the British Press Attaché at Copenhagen, said: "The German invasion was a complete surprise to everybody."

"It came on the day after I had become engaged to the daughter of the Brazilian Minister to Copenhagen and, naturally, at that moment I was thinking of things that had no connection with a Nazi invasion."

"I was with some friends when we were warned that the Germans were coming. I made immediate enquiries, and learned that others in the Legation had already been taken into custody by the Germans."

"The British Minister, Sir Neville Bland, and Lady Bland were taken by motor-car to the Citadel, as were the French and Polish Ministers."

Taken into Custody

"As soon as I made myself known to the authorities I too, was taken into custody."

"I must say we were treated with courtesy, and were allowed to bring along what we wanted from the Legation archives."

"Our departure from Copenhagen was a very formal affair. The railway station was full of Danish police and the public were not admitted."

"German soldiers travelled with us as far as the border."

Leave For Brussels

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (UP).—The British Legation party from Copenhagen left here for Brussels this morning.

FOOD SHORTAGE LIE SCOTCHED

Britain's Abundance Of Necessities

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (UP).—Hundreds of thousands of Dutch troops stood to arms to-day as the Government prepared against the possibility of invasion.

Control of the eastern frontiers has been tightened and whole regiments have been moved to the Dutch coast.

"The German stories are pure inventions of the most absurd character which will not be believed anywhere outside the Third Reich," concludes the statement.

Troops Stand By

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SAGA OF NAVAL WARFARE OFF NORWAY'S COAST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 15 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY THAT THE 10,000-TON GERMAN "POCKET BATTLESHIP" ADMIRAL SCHEER WAS TORPEDOED ON THURSDAY.

The Admiralty announcement does not reveal the fate of the German ship.

It states, however, that she was struck by more than one torpedo.

The Admiral Scheer is a sister-ship of the Admiral Graf Spee, which was scuttled off Montevideo after the Battle of the Plate, and is believed to be the only remaining ship of her type in the German Navy, since the British authorities previously claimed that one of the "pocket battleships" had been destroyed in previous naval and aerial action. This would be the Deutschland.

Truant Sinks Karlsruhe

It is now revealed that the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which was sunk on Tuesday, was the victim of a British submarine and not Norwegian coastal batteries.

The submarine concerned was H.M.S. Truant, sister-ship of the famous Thetis.

Sinking of the Karlsruhe by H.M.S. Truant is officially confirmed to-day in an Admiralty communique. The German High Command has already admitted the loss of this cruiser.

Admiral Swims Ashore

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Fairly conclusive evidence that the German warship sunk recently in Oslo Fjord was the Gneisenau and not the Blücher is supplied by reports from Berlin that Admiral Carl and several naval and army officers of high rank were forced to swim ashore after the sinking.

Men of this high rank would only be in command of a major capital warship.

It is also significant that the Norwegian claim that the Gneisenau was sunk has not been denied by Berlin.

Nazi Claim Denied

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—On inquiry here it is learned, says an authoritative statement, that the German claim that a British cruiser of the Glasgow class was torpedoed in the North Sea is entirely devoid of foundation.

Great Work By Submarines

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique states that some indication of the highly successful work under extremely dangerous conditions of the British submarines during the past week can now be given.

The German pocket battleship, Admiral Scheer, was successfully attacked by the submarine Sparfish in the early hours of Thursday morning last.

It is probable that the Scheer was hit by more than one torpedo.

H.M.S. Truant torpedoed and sank a German cruiser, believed to be the Karlsruhe on Tuesday last. The sinking of this cruiser has already been announced and admitted by the Germans.

Other Successes

Other successes include the sinking of the following German transport and supply ships:—the tanker, Postdam, 3,011 tons; the August Reichenhardt, of 2,593 tons; the Kretz of 2,259 tons; the Rio de Janeiro, of 2,251 tons; the Ionie, of 3,102 tons; the Antra, of 2,593 tons; the Memorandum, of 321 tons, and an unknown German ship of about 4,000 tons.

Also on April 10, two more unknown German ships were sunk and four other ships in convoy were hit by torpedoes, the results of these being unknown.

In addition the Alster, of 6,145 tons, has been captured and three trawlers—Friedland, Nordland and Blankenburg—have been brought into a British port. All these ships are in addition to six supply ships, and the Rouenfels which was sunk off Narvik by the Second Flotilla Destroyer on Wednesday last as an-

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BLOCKADE COMPLETE

British Mine Entire German Coastline

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced that the Allies have completed the mine blockade of the whole German coastline.

This has been achieved by extending the minefield into the Baltic which has heretofore been regarded by Germany as her private sea.

Kattegat A Mass Of Mines

The minefield includes all the Kattegat which was not previously mined, plus all the Baltic south of the Kattegat in the west and south of a line drawn from the southernmost part of Sweden to the Prussian border in the east.

However, the Admiralty emphasises that the mines have not been laid in Swedish territorial waters.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

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| Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th April | Apr. 17 |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, date 10th April | Apr. 18 |

OUTWARD MAILS

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| Halong | 3.00 p.m. |
| Saigon | 6.30 p.m. |
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| Manila, Makassar, and Surabaya | 9.30 a.m. |
| Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Hongkong | Noon |
| Parcels only for Tientsin | 12.30 p.m. |
| Saigon and Bangkok | 12.30 p.m. |
| Parcels only for Tientsin | 5.00 p.m. |
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| Ord. Apr. 17, 5.30 p.m. | |
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| Reg. Apr. 17, 5.00 p.m. | |
| Ord. Apr. 17, 5.30 p.m. | |
| Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 24th April. | |
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| Swatow | 1.30 p.m. |

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on TUESDAY, the 30th day of April, 1940, at Noon in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December, 1939, and electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 20th April to 30th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1940.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.

14 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

CRY MEANT BETRAYAL --HE DIED

RATHER than warn the Germans of the presence of his raiding party, a French officer allowed himself to sink in an icy stream and drown without a cry for aid.

The officer—according to the French account he "proved himself by this act equal to the purest hero of ancient times"—was a member of a Colonial regiment. Working and sleeping they had been living a week with their fingers at the trigger.

Proved His Courage

A doctor in civil life, the hero had for many years carried out researches in Africa in tropical diseases. He came at war's command to serve his regiment on the Western Front.

Many times he proved his courage. When, on the night of his death, his Colonial planned a daring raid on German posts, they had to cross a flooded stream.

The officer requested the honour of being first to land on the enemy bank. He was entrusted with the task of discovering the best place for advance and retreat.

Finding a canoe he crossed, despite the violent current and the presence of German look-out men.

Dragged Down

On his way back the canoe sank. Undeterred, he plunged into the river and swam over, carrying a rope which he tethered to the German side as a guide for the raiding party.

Then he began his swim back to the French side. Exhausted by his efforts and the speed of the stream, he was drawn into a strong undercurrent.

A cry would have brought several men to his aid. But that cry would have given the alarm to German watchers. It was never given.

Instead, the heroic officer was drawn below the water to his death. Unconscious of the raiding party, the German sentries maintained their watch—in vain.

WEST POINT HOLD-UP

Chinese Threatens To Blow Up General Store

With a threat to blow up the shop if he did not receive the money he wanted, a Chinese on Saturday morning successfully obtained \$8 from a general store in Water Street. However his success was short-lived for shortly after the West Point Police arrested him.

When searched the man was found to be in possession of four hand grenades and a bayonet. When he first entered the store he demanded a high sum of money but was given only \$8 by the shop keeper.

Pro-Nazi Broadcaster Condemned MOTHER AND GIRL GRIEVE FOR A TRAITOR

PARIS.
FRANCE'S "most tragic women"—a grey-haired grandmother and her young grand-daughter—have been driven temporarily to renounce the world through the shame of a Frenchman's treason.

Air Gate-Crasher Is A Nazi

POST OFFICE and B.B.C. experts are now satisfied that the "New British Broadcasting Station," which gate-crashed on the air, is radiating from Germany.

Listeners who have studied the propaganda it broadcast believe that it is Nazi-inspired. Its wavelength is 50.63 metres. Though transmitting on low power, its messages reached the country clearly and with little interference.

A Real Job

The steadiness of the reception showed that the broadcasters were not using a mobile transmitter, but a permanent unit with many technical refinements impossible on a "pirate" transmitter.

A full record of what was said was made by the B.B.C. Monitor Service.

"We address ourselves," said the unknown voice, "to every Britisher who loves his country, no matter what party he belongs to."

Then the announcer went on to make the usual type of Nazi attack on Britain.

Waiting

The Monitor Service men were again waiting to record the transmission.

It is suggested that the station has been introduced to counteract the failure of the regular German broadcasts in English.

Hamburg and Bremen have recently shown such complete lack of originality in propaganda work that even the Germans themselves must have realised it.

His Last Wish

"I still cannot remember him. You see, I knew lots of boys when I was a child. I can't place which one he could be."

"His commandant has been in touch with me. He told me that Robert's last wish was for me to make myself known to his mother, who lives at Broadstairs."

"I don't know where to get into touch with her there, and I hardly like to. Though her son wanted me for his wife I'm in an awkward position."

The commandant said that he would put some little remembrance from me on Robert's grave, and that when he is home he will call to see me.

"I would have cherished the memory of seeing Robert just once, but it was not to be."

"Now men don't interest me. I'm afraid. My work is all that matters."

Died Unexpectedly

Margaret prepared to leave her job and go to his side, but another message arrived shortly afterwards saying he was slightly better, and she was not to worry.

Directly after she had heard he was better another message followed to say he had died suddenly.

"It would have been nice to have seen him just once," Margaret, who is now twenty, told me.

She is a nurse at a Greenwich hospital.

"At first, when I received his letter, I thought it was someone having a joke with me. But he reminded me of so many incidents during my childhood, people we knew and places I almost forgotten that I knew him to be genuine. He joked at my upturned eyes and freckles too."

"I did not promise him I'd marry. I said I would tell him when I met him, but I promised there was no one else. He said he was going to bring a wedding ring home on his next leave."

They are the mother and daughter of Paul Feronnet, broadcaster of pro-Nazi and anti-French propaganda from the Stuttgart radio station.

Feronnet has been publicly proclaimed a "traitor to the Fatherland" in his native village of La Bataille, in Western France.

And, overwhelmed by grief at his treason, the two women have sought solace and forgetfulness in a neighbouring convent.

A third woman, his former wife, has hidden her identity in remarriage.

"Trumpet & Drum"

Feronnet's assistant and collaborator, Obrecht, formerly known as Jacques Saint German, an obscure actor, has likewise been declared a "traitor to the State."

The declaration at La Bataille of Feronnet's treason was made with solemn old-time ceremony of "trumpet and drum."

The "town crier" read the proclamation to the villagers before placing it on the walls.

In surrounding villages, and in the various suburbs of Paris where the two traitors had lived from time to time, the proclamation has also been affixed to public walls.

Feronnet, the former Berlin correspondent of two Paris newspapers, carried on Nazi propaganda in France.

Boast Came True

He returned to his native village last year with a new German wife, travelling in a luxurious motor-car.

But his mother and daughter whom he had abandoned refused to see him.

His notoriety as a Nazi agent had already become known in his village. Feronnet then boasted that he would become famous. "One day," he said, "France will be talking about me," he said.

His boast has come true. France talks about him—but as a traitor.

Told Ten Year Old Love Secret—Then Died

AS a girl, aged fifteen, stood singing in the choir of Minster Church Thanet, every Sunday morning, a young schoolboy sat watching her from the congregation.

He was Robert Clarke who, when he knelt to pray, asked that one day the pretty little choir girl would be his wife.

Margaret Barclay, the little girl, never guessed his secret. But when they grew up they were parted. Robert joined the Australian contingent of the R.A.F. Margaret became a nurse.

Not till war broke out did they hear of one another again.

For Robert, a Squadron Leader had not forgotten his childhood sweetheart.

From a friend at the place where he first met her, he found out where she was living, and wrote asking her to become his wife.

He reminded her of the Sunday mornings in the little church, other children they played with, and told her how he fell in love at first sight.

But Margaret could not remember him.

After she had received his letter she had a phone call from him at Aldershot. He told her that he was being sent to France, and asked her to wait for him.

"I will bring a wedding ring with me when I come home on leave," he told her.

Only a few days after he had gone his commandant sent a message to say he had crashed and was dangerously ill.

Margaret prepared to leave her job and go to his side, but another message arrived shortly afterwards saying he was slightly better, and she was not to worry.

Directly after she had heard he was better another message followed to say he had died suddenly.

"It would have been nice to have seen him just once," Margaret, who is now twenty, told me.

She is a nurse at a Greenwich hospital.

Iron Cross Man In Our Army

A FORMER German sergeant-major, Willy Teller, has joined the British Army Auxiliary Pioneer Corps.

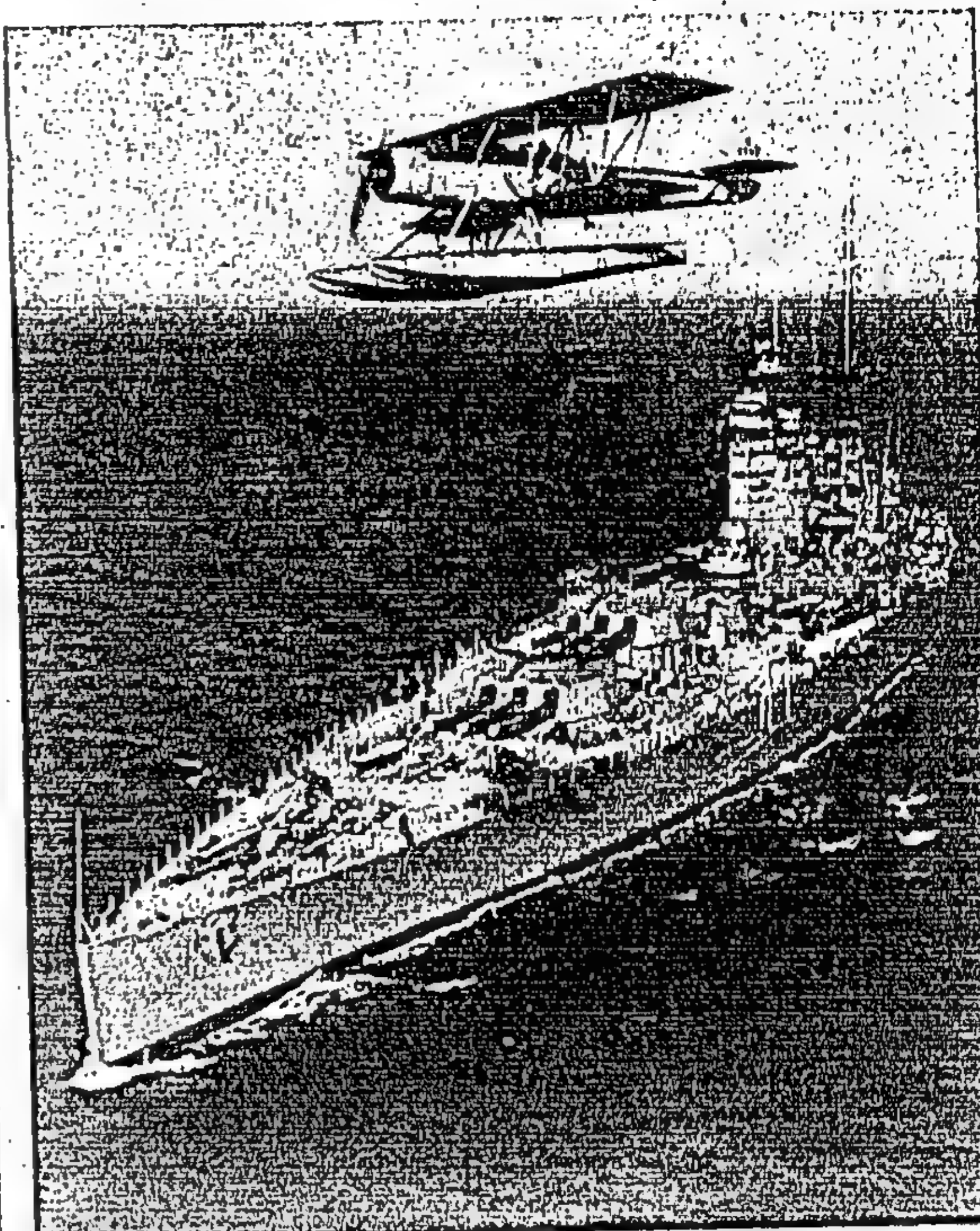
He was wounded four times by British and French bullets in the Great War, and was three times awarded the Iron Cross for bravery.

At the Liverpool police court he was sentenced to one day's imprisonment for changing his address without notifying the authorities.

"I did not mean to offend," he said, "and I have joined your army, but it is not that I want to fight against my former soldiers but against Hitlerian and all it means."

"Because my grandfather was a Jew the Germans forced me to adopt the name of Samuel, and finally drove me from the country with my wife and nine-year-old son."

The Watch Over The North Sea



A BLACKBURN "SHARK" torpedo-carrying plane over H.M.S. Nelson "somewhere in the North Sea."

Won Three Dog Fights, Gets D.F.C. "MAGNIFICENT COURAGE"

SQUADRON-LEADER ANDREW D. FARQUHAR, hero of three air battles in which Heinkel bombers were brought down on Scottish soil, was decorated by the King recently.

He received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The investiture took place at an aerodrome in Scotland which the King visited after decorating eight officers and men of the Royal Navy at a Scottish dockyard.

Farquhar won the D.F.C. for shooting down a raider single-handed at North Berwick early this month.

Magnificent Dash

"He has dash and courage on several occasions," states the Air Ministry account of his gallantry.

While on patrol in a Vickers Spitfire he sighted the Heinkel, followed it into a cloud, and sighting it again in a clear patch, gave a burst with his machine-guns.

Though he expended only a small amount of ammunition, his fire was so accurate that both engines of the raider were put out of action and it had to land.

During the German raid on the Firth of Forth on October 10, he chased one of the raiders over the roofs of Edinburgh.

Four Days Ago

He was also the leader of the squadron that shot down the first enemy raider to fall on British soil, the Heinkel that came down on the Lammernmuir Hills, near Dalkeith, on October 28.

It was the same Auxiliary Air Force squadron that crashed a Heinkel near St. Abb's Head, Berwickshire.

Farquhar, in his Spitfire, followed the raider down, but was too late to prevent the Germans destroying it.

The Naval men decorated by the King were Comdr. L. A. K. Boswell, who received the D.S.O.; Lieut-Comdr. D. L. Saumarez, who was given the D.S.C.; Petty Officer H. Flavell, acting Petty Officer H. G. Maund, Ldg. Seaman T. W. Baverall, Seaman G. C. Sterry, R.N.R., Chief Engineer G. McClelland, R.N.R., and Engineer R. W. Fox, R.N.R., each of whom received the D.S.M.

Details of the deeds which had won these medals were not announced.

LEAVING FOR HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Edwards Given Farewell Party

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Edwards, who will be leaving Hongkong shortly, were entertained at a farewell party at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home yesterday, by the English Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edwards has been an active social worker, having done much for the fighting forces in knitting and organisation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were presented with a clock as a souvenir. Rev. J. E. Sandbach and Mr. J. H. Gelling, Circuit Steward, spoke in appreciation of what Mr. and Mrs. Edwards had done and the esteem that they had gained from their acquaintances.

Left Her Lover In Nazi Camp

A 19-YEAR-OLD girl typist who went to Vienna with her sweetheart in August has been back alone after months as a prisoner of the Nazis.

I met her as she stepped ashore from a ship.

She is Miss Dorothy Hughes, a tall brunette, whose home is at Battersea Park-road, S.W.

Her fiancé is Robert Saunders, still in a Nazi camp at Nuremberg.

This is her story as told by people with whom she has travelled home.

40 In A Cell

She and her fiancé arrived in Vienna four days before war broke out.

Mr. Saunders was arrested and sent to an internment camp five days after war with England started.

"I stayed on in the hotel," she said, "knowing nobody, lonely and unable to speak the language."

"On December 1 the police took me to prison."

"I was put with 40 other women in a small cell. It was horrible. We slept on mattresses on stone floors. The food was nothing more than black bread and sour soup."

Became Ill

"After a time I was moved to another cell with only eight girls. They were all political prisoners."

Miss Hughes became ill. A few days ago she was moved to Berlin, and then allowed to leave for home.

With Miss Hughes were 34-year-old Miss Edith Dagot-Hart, from Munich, and Miss Lucy Baker-Beall, a 71-year-old teacher from Poland.

Miss Baker-Beall, whose family's home is at Boxley, Kent, lived in Poland for 32 years.

"There is nothing there now but plunder and murder," she said.

CANADIAN G.O.C. IS ALDERSHOT C-IN-C.

General McNaughton, G.O.C. Canadian troops, has taken over the supervision and administration of the entire Aldershot command.

He will be in charge for the next six days while Lieutenant-General Broad is away on short leave.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I think you're getting gyped on that hand lotion, Ma—your hands ain't any softer than before."

How Submarine Starfish Was Lost

ALL ESCAPED BY DAVIS HATCH

AMSTERDAM.

THE first authentic account of the loss of the British submarine Starfish, which with the Undine, sank while on patrol in the Heligoland Bight, was given to-day by Miss Mary Breckenridge, of the Columbia Broadcasting system.

Miss Breckenridge said that during a visit to a camp for Allied prisoners of war in Central Germany she spoke to survivors from the submarines—it will be recalled that both crews were saved—and that from one of the men of the Starfish she heard the story of their misadventure.

The men seemed very fit, had access to a varied library, played bridge.

Among British prisoners in the castle are men from Borneo, Canada, Singapore, New Zealand, India and South Africa.

[Data rescue apparatus enables men to rise to surface from flooded escape hatch when pressure equals that of sea outside submarine. Standard in British Navy since 1934.]

MAGAZINE PAGE

FAMILY QUIZ

Over-40 Quiz —for mother and father

- To whom were you referring when, in your dashing youth, you spoke of (a) "The White-Eyed Kaffir," (b) "The Swedish Nightingale," (c) "The Jersey Lily," (d) "Vesta Tilley," (e) "Little Tich," (f) "The Great Little Dan"? (2 marks each)
- Fill in the following line of the venerable old song:—
(a) "In the shade of the old apple tree"
(b) "Come, come, come and make eyes at me"
(c) "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do"
(d) "I can't get away to marry you to-day"
(e) "I'm Burlington Bertie, I rise at ten-thirty"
(1 mark each)
- Up the Savoyard! In which Gilbert and Sullivan operas do you meet:—(a) Jack Point, (b) Nanki-Poo, (c) Sir Despard Murgatroyd, (d) Reginald Bunthorne, (e) Earl Tolliver, (f) The Duke of Plaza-Toro, (g) Dick Deadeye. (1 mark each)
- Who made the following plays famous:—(a) "The Bells," (b) "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," (c) "The Man from Blankley's," (d) "The Scarlet Pimpernel," (e) "The Only Way," (f) "Mr. Wu," (g) "Grumpy." (1 mark each)
- All these books were popular when you were young. Who wrote them? (a) "The Manxman," (b) "James," (c) "The Last Days of Pompeii," (d) "The Mighty Atom," (e) "Three Weeks," (f) "Children of the Ghetto," (g) "The Daisy Chain," (h) "The White Company." (1 mark each)
- Who was Prime Minister when Queen Victoria died? (5 marks)
- Describe these Edwardian and Victorian terms: (a) Mashie, (b) tiger, (c) phaeton, (d) diablo, (e) penny-farthing, (f) Jammie O'Goblin. (1 mark each)

Possible top score = 50. Answers at foot of Column One.

Sophisticated Quiz —for George and Sue

- If you ordered the following in a restaurant, what would you expect? (a) Bouillabaisse; (b) Dog's nose; (c) Bourbon; (d) Bombay Duck; (e) Bortsch; (f) Zabaglione; (g) Red Biddy; (h) Prairie Oyster. (1 mark each)
- Still harping on food, for what are the following places famous? (a) Bath; (b) Aylesbury; (c) Richmond; (d) Banbury; (e) Yarmouth. (1 mark each)
- In each of the following cases one of the Christian names is wrong:—(a) Edgar Arthur Poe; (b) Franklin Daniel Roosevelt; (c) Patrick Bysshe Shelley; (d) David Gabriel Rossetti; (e) Johann Serge Bach. (1 mark each)
- Maddeningly, I have removed the vowels from the following famous quotations and proverbs. Put them back. (a) TINGFITYSJYFVR. (b) STCHNTMSVSN. (c) LBSYNYTHRNWLDNLLSSWT. (d) THQTYMRCYSNTSTRND. (e) LLTHWRDSSGT. (1 mark each)
- These names made Daily Express front page news this week. Identify them. (a) Captain Dahl; (b) Miss Polly Eder; (c) James Hall; (d) Wing-Commander William Ernest Stator; (e) Professor Haludun Kohi. (1 mark each)
- From American books and films you should know the meanings of (a) Barbecue, (b) Hobo, (c) Internec, (d) Sophomore, (e) Campus, (f) Pavement, (g) Depot, (h) Side-walk, (i) Truck. (1 mark each)
- All these can be answered by the name of a tree: (a) The village gossip, (b) A churchman, (c) The man I'm writing for, (d) It flies when we're angry, (e) The cardsharp has a slick one, (f) You and your wife. (1 mark each)
- Who said: (a) "Genius is 10 per cent. inspiration and 90 per cent. perspiration," (b) "Let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die," (c) "Trust in God and keep your powder dry," (d) "Yet each man kills the thing he loves," (e) "And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke," (f) "Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink," (g) "Go west, young man!" (1 mark each)

3 records by a radio star

If you're having any fun with this page make a good job of it this Saturday and try out to-night's air star, Jack Warner, singing "Are You Having Any Fun?" for Parlophone. On the other side is a vintage Warner number, "The Bunker Up of Rat Holes." There is only one better Warner song I know, which is "Ratway Lanes" (Railway Lines). You could buy that, too.

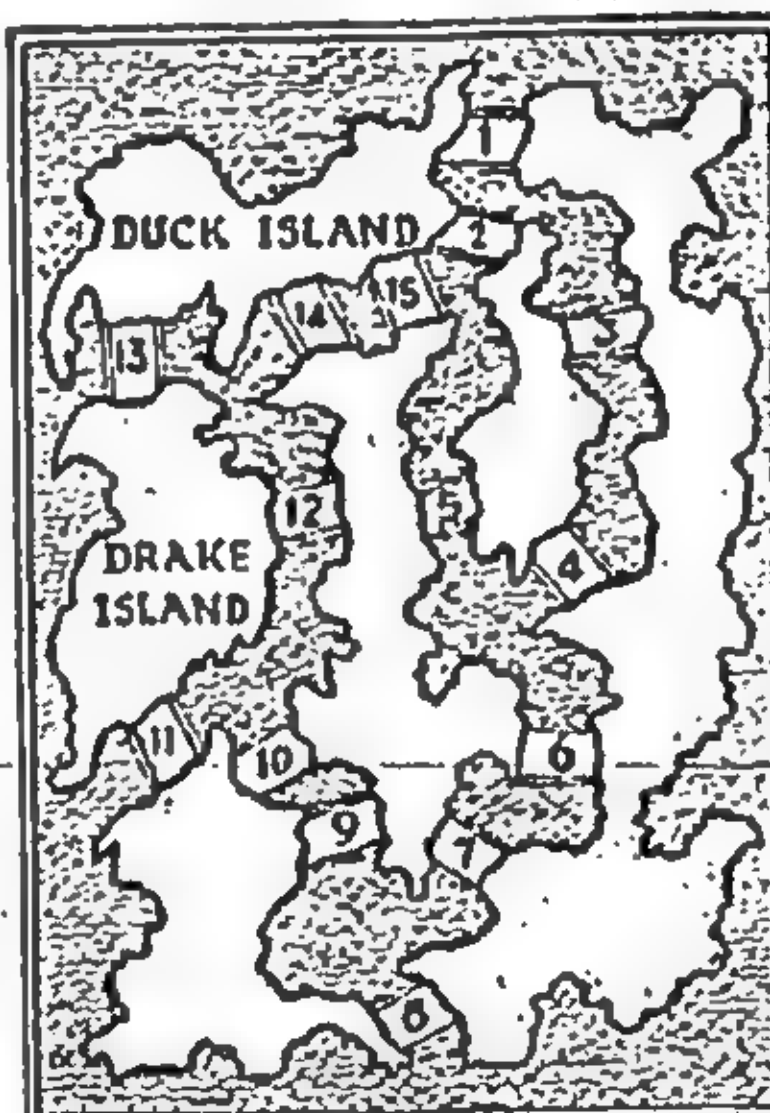
If it's sweet singing you fancy, try little Celia Lipton (daughter of band-leader Lipton) at work on the two best "Babs in Arms" numbers—"Good Morning" and "Where or When" (Columbia).

If it's band, I can't suggest better than the combination of Carroll Gibbons and Irving Berlin in "It's a Lovely Day To-morrow" (Columbia). P. H.

Picture Puzzle

SIX islands, connected by bridges—and you have to get from Duck Island to Drake Island in accordance with these rules. Your final crossing must be across bridge 13; you must set foot upon every island; you must cross each bridge once only.

What route would you take?



ANSWERS

HOSKINS'S PROBLEMS.—1. It was murder. The first question Sir Bernard asked himself was: "If death was instantaneous, who covered him up?" 2. He does not take handkerchiefs. They are used only for absorbing prisoners.

PUZZLE PICTURE.—1, 3, 2, 15, 5, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 13.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

Over 40's

- (a) O. H. Chirgwin. (b) Jenny Lind. (c) Lily Langtry. (d) Lady do Frece. (e) Harry Relph. (f) Dan Leno.
- (a) "When the love in your eyes I could see." (b) "Down at the Old Bull and Bush." (c) "I'm half crazy, all for the love of you." (d) "My wife won't let me." (e) "And saunter along like a toff." (f) "Xcomen of the Guard." (g) "The Mikado." (h) "Ruddigore." (i) "Patience." (j) "Iolanthe." (k) "The Gondoliers." (l) "H.M.S. Pinafore." (m) "The Pirates of Penzance." (n) "The Yeomen of the Guard." (o) "The Gondoliers." (p) "The Pirates of Penzance." (q) "The Yeomen of the Guard." (r) "The Gondoliers." (s) "The Pirates of Penzance." (t) "The Yeomen of the Guard." (u) "The Gondoliers." (v) "The Pirates of Penzance." (w) "The Yeomen of the Guard." (x) "The Gondoliers." (y) "The Pirates of Penzance." (z) "The Yeomen of the Guard."
- (a) Edgar Allan. (b) Franklin Delano. (c) Percy Bysshe. (d) Dante Gabriel. (e) Johann Sebastian.
- (a) A thing of beauty is a joy for ever. (b) A stitch in time saves nine. (c) A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. (d) The quality of mercy is not strained. (e) All the world's a stage. (f) Master of the Albatross. (g) English woman released from German prison. (h) Escaped Earl-marshal convict. (i) Flying ace awarded D.S.O. (j) Norwegian Foreign Minister. (k) Open-air ox-roasting. (l) Amy.

Sophisticates

- (a) A mixed fish dish. (b) Beer and gin. (c) American whisky. (d) Dried fish. (e) Best-root soup. (f) An Italian custard-like sweet. (g) Cheap doctored red wine. (h) A pick-me-up—raw egg and Worcester sauce. (i) Buns, Olivers and Chaps. (j) Duck. (k) Males of honour. (l) Cakes. (m) Bloaters.
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Under 14's

- Beetle and McTurk. 2. (a) Bluebird. (b) Silver Bullet. (c) Thunderbolt. 3. Bashful, Dopey, Sleepy, Grumpy, Happy, Doc, Sneezy. 4. A nurse. 5. The Ursula. 6. Ajax, Exeter, Achilles. 7. Derek McCulloch. 8. (a) Dr. Watson. (b) Tinker. 9. Champion. 10. (a) Little Boy Blue. (b) Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home. (c) Oh dear, what can the matter be? (d) Goosey, goosey gander. (e) Tom, Tom the piper's son. (f) Here we go round the mulberry bush. (g) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been? (h) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (i) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (j) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (k) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (l) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (m) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (n) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (o) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (p) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (q) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (r) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (s) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (t) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (u) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (v) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (w) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (x) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off? (y) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where did you get that? (z) Pussy cat, pussy cat, where were you taken off?

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday says: This morning passed quietly with only a few deals being recorded.

Share

H.K. Banks \$14.25
H.K. Fire Ins. \$17.50
H.K. Dockers Cum. \$12.00
H.K. Dockers \$10.50
H. & P. Hotels \$5
H.K. Lands \$20.50
H.K. Securities \$4.50
Trams \$17.50
China Light \$10.00
Telephone (Old) \$10
Telephone (New) \$10
Dairy Farms \$11.40
The Crawford \$14
Wm. Powell \$1
Entertainments \$10.00

Share

H.K. Dockers Cum. \$12.00
H.K. Lands \$20.50
H.K. Dockers \$10.50
Yammat Perles \$22.50
Telephone (Old) \$10.50

REDSKINS RENOUNCE SWASTIKA

TUSCON, Arizona.

THE chiefs of four tribes of Arizona Indians have expressed their disapproval of the Nazis by publicly burning objects bearing Swastikas. They have issued the following proclamation:

"Because an ornament which had been a symbol of friendship among our forefathers for many centuries has been desecrated by another nation, therefore it is resolved that henceforth from this date and for evermore our tribes renounce the use of the emblem commonly known as Swastika or Fylot on our blankets, art objects, and paintings and cloth-

Attacked By Robbers

Four wounded Chinese have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital following their arrival in Hongkong during the week-end after the junk which they were on had been attacked by armed robbers who were alleged to have opened fire with their guns.

There were 20 robbers and they were reported to have been armed with rifles and revolvers. The four injured people were together with 83 others on the junk which was in Sam Mun Kwan on April 12 when robbers boarded from two fishing junks after they had fired several rounds of ammunition.

The robbers ordered the junk to be taken to Ping Hol, Chinese territory,

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12.30 Dance Music by The Krakalax and Henry King and His Orchestra.

1.03 Robinson Cleaver (Organ) with Patricia Rossborough (Piano).—Fransetta Serenade, Robinson Cleaver (Organ); That Certain Age—Selection, Carefree—Selection, Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano); Musical Sweethearts—Medley, Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

1.10 Songs by Raymond Newell (Baritone).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Schubert—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 29.—Kolisch Quartet.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."—Rag Doll, New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra; Studio—Story for Tiny Tots by Aunt Susan; Medley of Songs from Shirley Temple Pictures, Mac—Quartet (the Betty Boop Girl) with Orchestra; Studio—First installment of new serial by Aunt Susan; Cuckoo in the Clock, The Merry Macs (Vocal) with instrumental accompaniment; Swance River, Frank Luther and The Lyn Murray Quartette.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Vocal Gems and Selections from "The Student Prince," "The Beggar's Opera," and "The Chocolate Soldier."

7.0 Studio—Talk on "Ballet" illustrated by records.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo with Nura Kalls at the Piano.—Sonata No. 3; 2 Andante; 3 Rhapsody.

8.27 London Palladium Orchestra with Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.0 Military Band Music.—1012 Overture, The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Wauling March Medley, The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay "Under Nazi Rule."

9.45 Grand Variety Programme.—11.0 Close down.

Norwegian Officer

Flies From India To Catch Ship Detained Here

A young Norwegian ship's officer, who took an Imperial Airways plane from Calcutta to catch his ship in Hongkong found on arrival at Kai Tak yesterday that his hurry had not been necessary. He is Second Officer Jorgen Jaernes of a Norwegian steamer which, with other Norwegian and Danish vessels, has been detained. Jaernes was left behind with food poisoning when the ship sailed from Calcutta.

There were four Norwegian steamers in Calcutta when he left Jaernes said.

"All we Norwegians in the Far East are keen to get back and fight, but it may not be possible for us to go," he added. "We use the knife like the Finns and the Norwegian hillmen will cut the Germans up into slices if they lay their hands on them."

The Delphinus left yesterday morning for Bangkok with two passengers, Rev. H. Hattenbury, for Rangoon, and Mr. F. Cleme, for London. The plane carried 187 kilos of mail.

Another Imperial Airways plane arrived from Bangkok with Home and Australian mails.

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Nitro-Glycerine Explosion Devastates London Outskirts



MILES OF HOUSES, works and green-houses were rocked, smashed and made windowless by the nitroglycerine explosion at the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Above (left) you see one of the injured men being taken from the Royal factory, and above is a view of nearby greenhouses in which 5,000 panes of glass were shattered by the blast of air which followed the explosions.

GAOL, £500 FINE, FOR RACKETEERS

WAR contracts racketeers are likely soon to face the penalty of two years' imprisonment and a £500 fine.

The exact method of stopping this war-time scandal is now being considered by the Government. An early announcement is expected.

The Ministry have warned firms not to listen to intermediaries who think that they have a special pull in Government departments. Commissions for introductions are definitely frowned at by the Government.

There are still people who think that they possess a particular and irresistible line of approach. They are about to receive a rude shock.



(Left) Policemen held up everybody who wanted to go near the scene of the explosion. (Above) A platoon of soldiers marching to the factory to form a guard.

WOMAN'S FATHER WENT TO GENERAL ABOUT MAJOR

AS the jury left the box after a libel case at Chester Assizes, one member asked Mr. Justice Stable what were the Seventh and Tenth Commandments.

The Judge replied that, subject to correction, he believed they were "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife."

Mrs. Blanche Agnes Gristwood (70), of Sandon Road, Newton, Chester, and Miss Greta Marion Stewart (22), a typist, of Kingsway, Newton, had been found guilty and bound over on three charges of publishing defamatory libels concerning Major Bernard Coombs, whose address by direction of the judge was not disclosed.

On Postcards

The libels, according to the prosecution, were on postcards addressed to the major at his mess.

The first dated on or about September 20, 1939, read: "To which woman will you and your Army allowance. To your wife, to your mistress near the camp, or to the mistress left in Chester?"

The second postcard dated October 16 said: "Seventh and Tenth Commandments. Ever ready?"

A third dated November 14 read: "A fellow is pretty low who comes between what might be a happy couple, especially when they have a baby. I wish it could be understood that men who get women into trouble don't make honest women of them if they marry them. The whole thing is futile."

Mr. J. B. Elsdon (prosecuting) said that Mrs. Gristwood had a daughter, Mrs. Judith Lucy Shone, who was married, and a mother.

Mrs. Shone had known the major for a number of years. He served in the last war and married in 1915. Many years ago he and his wife parted.

In 1938 Mrs. Shone and the major went away together. In February of last year Mrs. Shone left him and returned to her husband, but she was now living with the major again.

Major Coombs, replying to Mr. Bertram Reece (for Mrs. Gristwood) said his wife was 18 years older than he and they parted after continuous quarrels.

General Sympathetic

Frank Gristwood, father of Mrs. Shone, said Major Coombs refused to see him, so he got in touch with the general officer-in-chief commanding the Western Command.

The General, stated Mr. Gristwood, was very sympathetic and said that it was a matter regarding discipline in the Army.

He instructed Colonel Brown, the Officer Commanding Major Coombs, to see Coombs.

Mr. J. Jones Roberis (for Miss Stewart) said that she had been indiscreet.

The jury found Miss Stewart, who typed the postcards, guilty, but indiscreet and Mrs. Gristwood guilty under provocation. Binding them over the judge ordered Mrs. Gristwood to pay £25 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Chief Wrens' Pay Up £3

DIG increases in pay are announced for most officers in the Women's Royal Naval Service. A Chief Officer in the Mobile Section now receives £350 a year instead of £200.

Pay for Wren privates in the General Mobile Section will be reduced 8d. a week, but they will be accommodated either in quarters or in approved lodgings and will draw naval victuals in kind or appropriate allowances.

Lilian Harvey Escapes Nazis

REPORTS that Lilian Harvey, London-born film actress who became Germany's most popular star, has been interned in Germany are untrue. She is safe in France.

Mrs. Walter Harvey, her sister-in-law, who lives in Edgware, says: "The latest news we had is that she is staying at her villa at Juan-les-Pins."

RUGBY HAS NEW SPORT

TWO hundred boys of Rugby School have discovered a new sport—they are knitting comforts for the Forces.

Some have become proficient enough to knit pullovers, but they have not yet all solved the mystery of the extra stitches that keep appearing.

Clare Luce, the American film actress, who raised funds in London for a mobile canteen for men passing through Rugby, performed the opening ceremony at Rugby, and afterwards appeared for funds from the stage of a local cinema.

Divorce Suit Lasts 15 Years

NEW YORK. THERE has ended in America a divorce suit which began fifteen years ago.

It was begun by the husband, Wiley Hitchcock, school teacher, of Chicago.

And it was contested by his wife, Winifred, also a school teacher, to whom he had then been married ten years.

Ever since their battle has gone on—before thirty judges sitting in six different courts.

Wiley Hitchcock was granted his divorce—because his wife—

Put sand in his shaving cream; Destroyed his lecture notes; Soaked his clothes in water; Shut off the heat in his bedroom;

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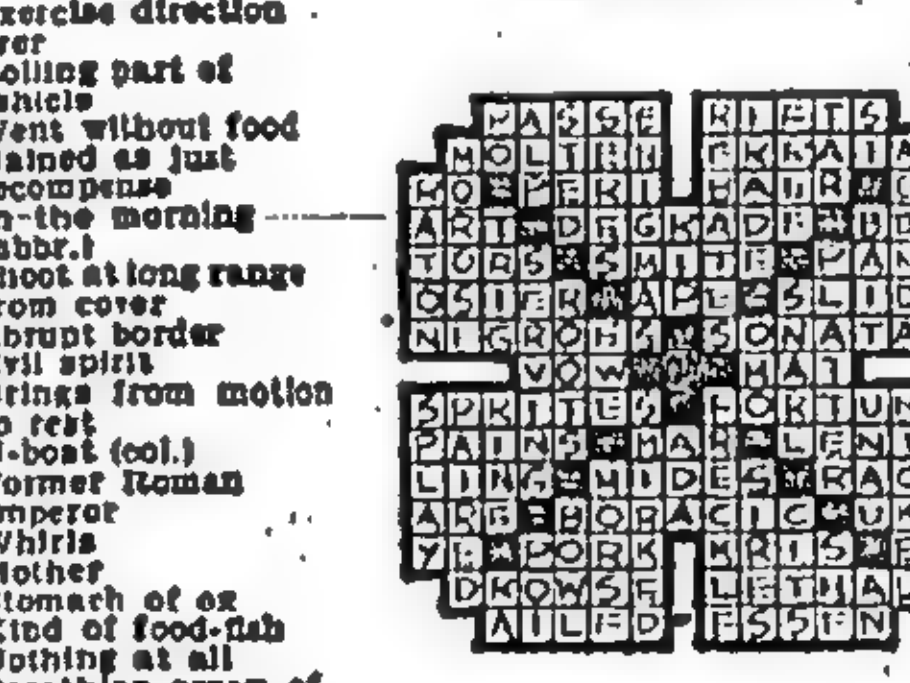
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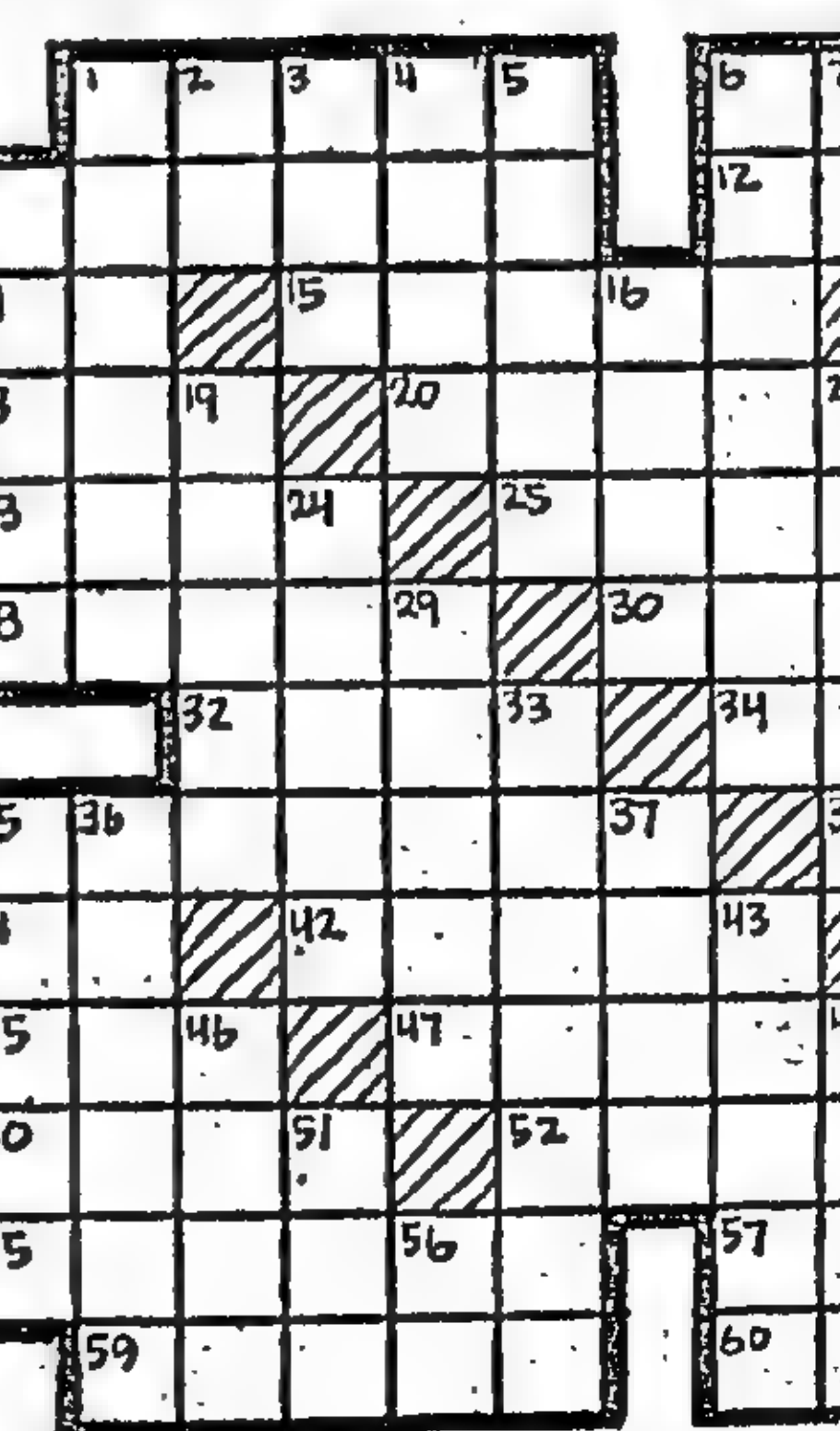
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ACROSS
1-Exercise direction over
6-Being part of vehicle
11-Left without food
12-Gained as just recompense
14-In the morning (abbr.)
16-Quoted along range from cover
17-Absent border
18-Well spent
20-Drings from motion to rest
22-U-bow (col.)
23-Former Roman emperor
24-Whirls
27-Mother
28-Stomach of ox
30-Kind of food-stab
32-Nothing at all
34-Breathing organ of fish
36-Fert. to breast-bone
38-Latest change on property
41-Overwhelming sorrow
42-Ancient feast
44-Chinese unit of weight
45-Viper
47-Harrow openings
48-Philippine peasant

DOWN
1-Old woman (col.)
2-Plus person plural
3-That thing's Latin
4-Various publication of
5-Crying
8-Exclamation
9-Before
10-Plant of bean family
11-Twice
12-Preclude
13-Leave forth suddenly
15-Desirable acquisition
16-Disadvantage animal
18-Musical stage production
20-Sliced into parts
21-Sat in garment
22-Guide for ear
23-Line of cut grass
24-Threw into disorder
27-Wearing device
28-Came close
29-Types of sailing vessel
30-Adapted
31-Young salmon
32-Part of stairs
33-King (French)
34-Point of compass
35-Part of liquid
36-Within scope of
38-Tellurium



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COMPANY RESULTS

Macao Electric Lighting To Pay \$1.50 Dividend

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After charging \$131,737.09 for depreciation, there remains a net profit for the year of \$328,801.80 which, together with \$135,801.72 brought forward from the year 1939, has been carried to the credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

It is proposed to deal with the balance of \$464,603.52 as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 90,000 shares, \$135,000; to pay a bonus of 50 cents per share on 90,000 shares, \$45,000; to pay to the Government of Macao 5% on the amount distributed as dividend and bonus in terms of Clause 15 of the Extension Contract, \$9,000; To transfer to General Reserve, \$150,000; to carry forward unappropriated, \$120,243.52.

The Directorate

The present Directors are Messrs. N. G. Beale, Fu-tak-lam, F. J. Gellion and H. N. da Silva. Mr. Fu-tak-lam joined the Board since the last meeting and his election requires the confirmation of the shareholders. In accordance with the Articles, Mr. F. J. Gellion retires by rotation but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Under Article 113 of the Company's Article of Association, the Directors' remuneration is fixed at \$1,000 per annum each or such other as the company in general meeting may from time to time determine. In view of the expansion of the company's business, it is considered that the Company should increase such remuneration to \$1,500 per annum each and a resolution to increase such remuneration accordingly will be placed before the meeting.

MINING DIVIDEND

Word has been received from Manila to the effect that Mines Operations Inc. have declared an initial dividend of half a centavo payable on May 7.

AIR RAID DAMAGE

Terrific Bombardment On Shayuchung

Walchow, Apr. 14. Another terrific aerial bombardment was carried out yesterday afternoon in Shayuchung, Kwelchung, and Tifuk, areas, south-west of Walchow.

At 10.15 a.m. a squadron of five Japanese naval planes took to the air from warships in Bias Bay and flew over Shayuchung where they released a number of bombs and sprayed the town with machine-guns. Later, the squadron bombed Kwelchung and Tifuk, and scouted over Tamshui, the gateway to Walchow. During a two hours' flight, over Po On and Walchow, over forty bombs were dumped, the majority on Shayuchung.

No fewer than 120 casualties resulted, while between 20 and 30 shops and dwelling houses in Shayuchung were demolished. About two dozen wounded citizens were conveyed to Taipei on route to Kowloon, where they were sent to hospital. A steamer which was making for Shayuchung returned to British waters immediately after receiving information of the attack and anchored off Pingchow Island, off Tifuk. After the Japanese left a few of the passengers landed at Shayuchung, but most of them returned to Hongkong by the same steamer.

It is stated that some of the Japanese bombs were incendiaries, which scored direct hits on goods piled on the shore ready to be loaded on steamers for Hongkong. Rumours of another Japanese landing at Po On are in circulation.—Woh Kiu Yat Po.

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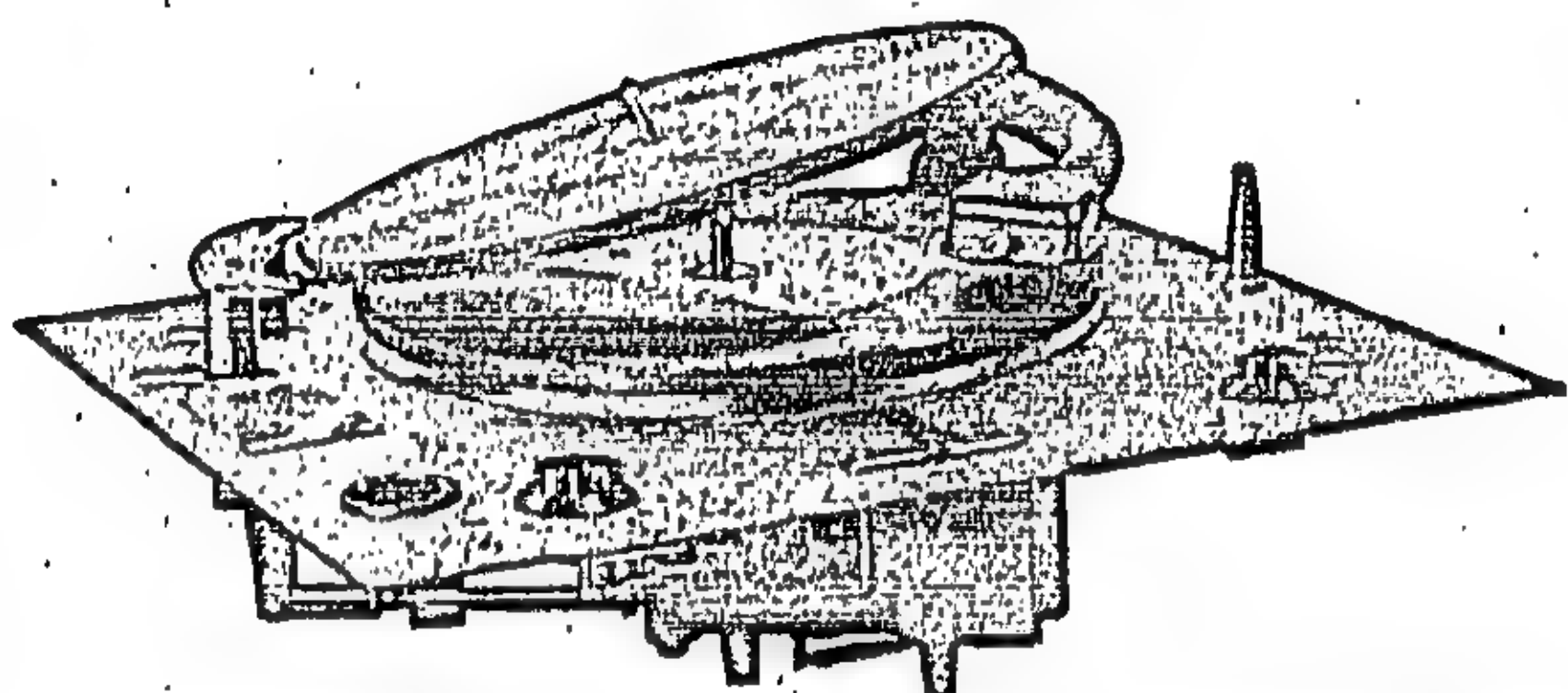
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Holland Looks To Her Moat

At the present moment Holland, a proclaimed neutral, whose foreign policy is resolutely pacific by conviction as well as by national interest, finds herself again face to face with the imminent threat of armed invasion. Holland has done nothing to provoke this threat. From the conflict of wills and

interests which has culminated in the present War, she has stood severely aloof. She has not even expressed sympathy with one side or the other. Such a well-intentioned intervention could hardly excite resentment. It could not reasonably make a breach in that "traditional German friendship with Holland" which Hitler proclaimed in his Reichstag speech after the close of the Polish campaign. Yet today Holland sees German troops and engines of war again being massed on her frontier, and other indications, too plain to be misunderstood, that at any moment she may be exposed to the fate that recently befell Denmark.

In this situation we have a vivid illustration not only of the methods but of the meaning of Hitlerism for all Europe. The right of nations to live their own lives in peace and security is denied, if not by direct and violent assault, then by the menace of it—by the creation of a state of tension which quickly becomes intolerable in suspending or dislocating all the activities of the national life and economy. History proclaims how much human freedom owes to Dutch steadfastness and courage; and it is not to be doubted that the Dutch people will face their present ordeal with the same high qualities undimmed.

SWEDEN CLOSES THE GAPS

By GEORGE L. STEER

"Telegraph" Special Correspondent who has visited Sweden to study the danger of war in Scandinavia. In article by Mr. Steer on Sweden's defence problems appeared on Saturday.

If you drive out of Stockholm on a Sunday into the snow of the countryside you will see groups of Swedes in three-quarter length white sheepskin coats ski-ing through the trees. It is particularly impressive at night, under the lights of the field-sport patrols, when, perhaps, a group from a Swedish artillery regiment—great firm-limbed people with gentle, inexpressive faces—are leading the rest down the gliding kilometres. On the rifle-range there is the dull spurt of musketry, and the headlines of Social-Demokraten in the morning will have told you that the workers' party, which two years ago shivered at night, under the lights of the field-sport patrols, when, perhaps, a group from a Swedish artillery regiment—great firm-limbed people with gentle, inexpressive faces—are leading the rest down the gliding kilometres.

North of Stockholm they are holding manoeuvres—on a modest scale, of course, which should alarm nobody—to meet a ghostly landing party with infantry and with 75 mm. and 40mm. A.A. guns.

Gen. Thorenell, commander-in-chief of Sweden's joint defence forces, has appealed to the Government to form a Civil Defence Corps, armed first with rifles and then with light machine guns, to protect Sweden's far-flung communications, on the model of the territorial guard of Finland. One notes an occasional warning in the Press that the Swedes should toughen themselves—with snowbaths (pictures of this Spartan custom are published), and by walking upstairs to their offices instead of taking the lift.

Sweden is preparing. She is filling up the gaps in her defences as Britain did after Munich. But they are not the same gaps. In A.A. guns and in the natural power of her capital both to evacuate and to resist air attack, she is proportionately better off than Britain at the end of 1939. Her anxiety is about her training man-power and all-power varies between 35,000 and 60,000 men, according to season. To-day, of course, it is larger, for certain reserves have been called up. In war her military authorities calculate that they can put 400,000 men into the field.

Of Sweden's peace-time troops 19,000 belong to the permanent cadre. The annual contingent, therefore, varies between 15,000 and 41,000. A small army, one might say, for a nation of 6,000,000 which is not only compulsory military service but a military tradition. The explanation is Sweden's post-war history. She was separated by a strenuous if not a fighting race from Russia, her only traditional enemy. She nourished hopes until 1918 of perpetual peace and universal disarmament. Her Government became progressively social-democratic and therefore pacifist.

She saved on equipment and money that might have paid for her full annual contingent of recruits. For some 10 years she did not summon the whole class to the Colours. Even to-day her period of training for the infantry is only 140 days in the year, and for the specialist arms no more than 200. Those figures compare badly with Finland's 12 months and the longer one stays in Scandinavia the more one realises that Finland alone of the northern countries took her defence problem seriously.

COL. BRATT, Sweden's leading military expert, has laid his finger on this cardinal weakness in Sweden's defence system. Members of the Riksdag have tried, and are still trying, to remedy this weakness of the shortened military service period.

Concurrent with it is a certain antiquity of Swedish equipment, which, of course, can be more rapidly remedied. The army is not yet fitted for a war against modern motorised and mechanised forces, though the direction is qualitatively the superior of the Russian, and could easily beat the Russian if the armies fought with equal armaments.

How is Sweden improving her army? The answer is visible in the lights round Stockholm every day. She is quickly calling up reserves and giving them the training that will fit them for the first shock of war. The rest are being urged by every means conceivable—short of compulsion, which still seems to be a long way ahead—to learn to use a rifle. Eventually the various rifle clubs are bound to be co-ordinated into a national system in which every able-bodied man will participate.

The Swede is physically so sound, in spite of a long period of prosperity

which has fattened him a little, that it will not take long to turn him into a soldier again. How to train more officers rapidly is a different proposition; but even to-day the Swedish officer compares very favourably with the Russian.

Modernisation of equipment is being debated to-day in the Riksdag. A motion, for example, lies before the House for the mechanisation of the artillery, including the coastal artillery. Sweden, of course, has long made her own guns; to put them on wheels or tracks should not present her with grave difficulty.

My own belief is that, with her present war industry and her population's adaptability to modern machinery, she should be able to reconstruct her army quicker than the Russians after their disasters in Finland. She may even feel able, if they fumble much longer, to risk more volunteer life in the defence of Finland than she has done already.

It is simply a case of her lack of trained reserves. Sweden has deliberately given up official countenance, far less official shove, to the Finland volunteer campaign.

Sweden has no reason to feel the same anxiety as Britain about the safety of her civil population in time of war. Her A.A. guns are admirable and numerous. She will have to evacuate only 300,000 people—some 5 per cent. of her population—and the process will be simple, the mood no more than that of a Bank Holiday rush. She can dig shelters which will really protect the rest out of her basic granite. Her A.R.P. preparations, in short, are well advanced.

It is the state of her own air force that really worries her. The Swedish air force is compared by Swedes to the Finnish as it was at the outbreak of the northern war. It lacks both uniformity and size, while certainly not lacking skill.

Sweden's latest defence programme allowed for a first-line force of about 250 planes by 1941. In detail, this consists to-day of seven groups, four of bombardment, two of military or naval co-operation, and reconnaissance, and only one of fighters. The lack of balance here is self-evident, particularly since the Swedes began to think of meeting a possible aerial invasion.

Sweden has attempted to construct her own aerial types, but these have not been outstandingly successful. She must still buy her first line from abroad. And that is not easy to-day, when the Great Powers are fighting each other in the factories for aerial supremacy and America seems remote and unwilling to sell except to the highest bidder. So Sweden's air force is still heterogeneous.

Perhaps she had planned it diplomatically. Many of her fighters are German, but her fighters are English. More subtlety might be read into this choice than is justified. Who, one might ask, would be so silly as to bomb Germany with Junkers? And would it not be better to defend the air of Sweden with Gloucester Gladiators, whose powers are still mildly secret, than with Messerschmitts or Heinkels? The clue is probably more simple, however. The Gladiator's engine behaves incomparably well in Arctic conditions; so the others were bought in order to preserve the appearance of impartiality.

There are other types. But the weakness of Sweden's aviation is not so much variety as the smallness of the fighter contingent. A motion lies before a committee of the Riksdag demanding that another fighter group should be formed. It undoubtedly will be—but the planes must be bought first. Until Sweden has at least another fighter group and its personnel are fully trained she would be unwise if she risked conclusions with her great neighbour in the South.

With the example of Poland before her, she will in any case take no risks until she is convinced that, if attacked, she can stand. Britain and France will engage the bulk of the German forces in the West. That is the very kernel of her defence problem.

Yet he would be unwise who did not think Sweden strong. After Italy and Turkey she is the most powerful of the non-belligerent States in Europe to-day—by position, resources, tradition and the spirit to defend her rights. She does not want to fight Germany, but she is determined to do her utmost, which is more than most people think, to bar the old foe, Russia, on the Finnish border. It is 125 years since the



Munition Routes To China

What effect has the war in Europe had on the other—almost forgotten—war in China? Wilbur Burton, special correspondent of the New York Post, has written this article.

He points out that, despite the fall of Nanning, supplies for the Chinese army still flow in from French Indo-China, from British Burma, and from Russia. He tells to-day what the Japanese must do in order to close the French route, and why, they probably cannot close the Burma road.

Despite the war in Europe and despite the capture of Nanning by the Japanese, supplies for the Chinese armies of General Chiang Kai-shek are still flowing northward into Central China from French Indo-China.

Shipments over the route from the port of Haiphong to Chungking are still moving freely, and in greater quantities than the British shipments through Burma.

Although by taking Nanning, the Japanese have cut the main road up from Indo-China, there are other, though poorer, roads farther west and traffic in vast quantities has already been diverted to them.

Two Courses Open

To sever the Indo-China supply line completely the Japanese must do one of two things. Either they must extend their military control more than a hundred miles westward, to take in the smaller side roads, or they must once more frighten the French into banning transit of military supplies through Indo-China.

French policy on arms shipments has been very erratic. At times military shipments have been almost completely stopped, and at other times the only question has been the making of proper financial arrangements. Lately the trade has been booming and port facilities at Haiphong have been

Sweden have fought, and they have no aggressive aim. But there is a spirit of military pride in them which recalls the days of Gustavus Adolphus and drubbings delivered by the Swedish infantry.

Sweden's natural posture for defence might be envied by most other neutrals. In food she is self-sufficient. All that she needs import in order to wage a war are rubber, carburettors and some special chemicals and metals, of which she has already laid up certain reserves. She has miscalculated a little over coke and coal, it is true, and is feeling the pinch to-day, but only in a way which probably does some good, for it reduces an overhigh standard of domestic comfort.

She has within her borders the finest iron in the world, and therefore the most desirable raw material for armaments. By the process of Northern collaboration she can mix it with Norwegian chrome. She makes all her own guns and ammunition, even of the most advanced kinds.

Her reserves in gold, &c., are more than £125,000,000, and her payments on State loans less than the State itself makes out of public enterprise. The Swedish population, above all, is both racially homogeneous and socially united. It can and will defend its interests. The country that attacks Sweden will find that it has bitten off more than can be chewed.

so overtaxed that normal trade has been interrupted.

This has all been very profitable to the French, and potentially very dangerous, too.

With the Japanese holding the nearby island of Hainan, Indo-China is in bad strategic position. It has never been garrisoned for defence against external assault and there are virtually no border defences. Even in normal times, the French, unlike the British, lack a navy adequate for the defence of their Far Eastern Empire.

The Japanese advance from Fokoh, on the coast to Nanning, involved only a limited number of troops, not more than 40,000, mostly withdrawn from the area around Canton and Hongkong.

In view of Japanese naval strength, taking Fokoh was easy enough, but reaching Nanning so quickly over a none too hospitable terrain was in striking contrast to the failure at Changsha only a few weeks before.

The Chinese evidently were caught unprepared in an area that should have been well defended.

In any event, French Indo-China is only one of the three inlets from the world for Chiang Kai-shek. Another, from the Soviet Union, is beyond Japanese military power to sever in the near future, but what may happen diplomatically on this front is another question.

That right now can't be answered. The third inlet, through British Burma, is potentially the most important of all and there is no indication that it will be cut off by either military action or diplomacy.

The Japanese diplomatic effort to reach a better understanding with Britain has been in progress ever since the European war started.

For their part, the British have made some gestures, too. Here in Hongkong, for instance, the British censors will no longer allow the Chinese press to refer to Japan as "the enemy," nor to Wang Ching-wel, potential head of a new government, as a "puppet or a traitor."

But the British have put no ban on Chinese billingsgate when it is applied to those Chinese who work under Tokyo's orders in the regimes at Peking or Nanking. Nor is there any limitation on propaganda in behalf of Chiang Kai-shek, who, incidentally, has returned that favour through the installation of a branch of the British Ministry of Information, the war propaganda bureau, at Chungking.

There is no indication whatever that any British-Japanese understanding will curtail the present uninterrupted flow of supplies for Chiang Kai-shek over the Burma road.

HITLER'S MAD ESCAPADE

Stands To Lose All By Norwegian Campaign

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The German invasion of Scandinavia is thought in informed quarters in London to be susceptible of two interpretations, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The first is that it is only the first instalment of a larger plan of aggression and may be intended to divert the Allies into a rat hunt through the Norwegian fjords whilst greater armies are set in motion elsewhere.

The second is that it is an isolated move. If the former conjecture is correct, then Hitler is obliging the Allies by undertaking at last what they have always wanted from him, namely, a campaign on two fronts.

The Allies are ready for Hitler even if he should break out on several fronts simultaneously.

Action Of Madman
If the second supposition is right, then Hitler's action seems to be that of a madman. He may have thought that Norwegian ports would offer bases for his submarines, but the destruction of a large proportion of his fleet would be a heavy price to pay for bases which anyhow cannot be used as freely as Norway's waters while she was still neutral.

Hitler has thrown away a chance of saving his skin by venturing out the Allies' patience and has chosen to fight on a naval front on which he is outnumbered and on which, as the British mine-laying in the Baltic shows, he risks being taken in the rear.

New Heart For Norway Allies' Successes Stimulate

LONDON, Apr. 14 (British Wireless).—Prompt action of the Allied fleets has had an excellent effect in Norway, where according to the latest reports reaching London, the people are in good heart and the morale of the troops is high.

Mobilisation is proceeding satisfactorily despite difficulties and where contact with the invaders has been joined, Norwegian resistance has been stubborn and is stiffening.

Information regarding actual fighting is scanty. As is generally known, German forces exercise effective control over very small parts of the country.

Minister To Return
The British and French Ministers and their staffs left Oslo hastily for Sweden, with which communications are for the most part normal, and the British Minister, Sir Cecil Donner, is reported to have stated that when they had replenished their kit, much of which was left behind, they will return to Norway.

Sir Cecil Donner has paid a warm tribute to the grit and determination with which the Norwegians are facing the situation.

Norwegians were to-night welcomed to its vast company of listeners by the B.B.C., whose broadcasts in Norwegian and English are their main sources of trustworthy news in the present circumstances.

Italy Ready For Action

Significant Comment By Newspaper

ROME, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The war which has fallen upon Norway might fall upon us, but if the bugles sound we shall be the ones to sound them," declared Signor Assalio, Director of Count Ciano's newspaper, "Telegrafo," in a broadcast to the armed forces.

"Italy is preparing for the moment which will be most opportune," he continued. "Such an occasion, which a month ago might have been very remote, may now be nearer than you think. All who believe that Italy can draw into her shell and seek nothing but to make a little money are in error."

"Such a programme could not be carried out by a little country like Norway. How could it succeed in our case, who have common frontiers with the belligerents, and Mediterranean interests?"

INGENIOUS MOVE BY SWEDES

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Swedish authorities have adopted an ingenious device to prevent enemy planes from landing in Sweden.

Motor vehicles are being spread over the aerodromes, and these will prevent planes from landing. However, they will not stop Swedish machines from landing or taking off as when such occasion is required, the motor vehicles will be driven to the edge of the fields, and after Swedish planes have landed or taken off, the cars will again be placed on the fields.

NAZIS TRYING TO KILL HAAKON

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office announces that the Norwegian Government has informed the British Government that German aircraft evidently have orders to attack the King of Norway personally, as they are bombing every successive place at which he stays in.

The action follows the refusal of King Haakon to negotiate in person with the German Minister at Oslo.

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tions in Norway is bound to be a phase of defence," stated an announcer in an official German wireless last night.

He was announcing a High Command communiqué for the first time. The utmost was done to break the Nazi news gently to the German public. The announcer introduced it by saying that "the British attack on a large scale was repelled by our navy forces at Narvik which succeeded in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

Volunteers Arrive
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Norwegian General Staff has announced that Swedish and Finnish volunteers have arrived at the front in Norway.

The Norwegian naval headquarters claim that three German planes were shot down and the crews, numbering ten, were taken prisoner.

The Norwegian communiqué adds that German reinforcements are being flown from Oslo to Trondheim.

Nazis Occupy Eidsvoll
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Norwegian Command has admitted that the Germans have occupied Eidsvoll.

The Norwegians were also forced to withdraw from Honesfjorden after fierce fighting.

The spokesman of the Norwegian legation, commenting on reports of a German occupation of Halden, said that the district was defended by only a few Norwegian troops, and was given up for strategic reasons by the Norwegian Command.

Troop Movements Reported
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Dome).—Unconfirmed reports state that about 70,000 German troops have embarked at Copenhagen in transports.

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nounced in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister.

Scuttlings
The following known scuttlings have taken place: the tanker "Skarbak", of 9,044 tons (on being sighted by a British cruiser) and the German ship, Maine (on being sighted by the Norwegian destroyer, Draug, which picked up some 60 of the crew and conveyed them to a British port).

The Draug now forms a part of the Allied naval forces. It has been reported that the German tanker, Kattegat, has been sunk by Norwegians in the Skagerrak.

It will be noticed that no mention is made of the loss of any U-boats. It would be incorrect to assume that positive results were not attained.

Rough Time For Goebbels
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (UP).—Germany's Propaganda Ministry is working overtime in an effort to counteract the flood of reports from neutral sources of Allied victories in Scandinavia.

But Goebbels has been forced to admit that the British Navy made a large-scale attack on Narvik yesterday.

The British employed two battleships, an aircraft carrier, cruisers and many destroyers, a communiqué says.

"Our heavy naval forces were not damaged, but the losses on both sides are not yet fully ascertained."

Lie Is Nailed
A communiqué claims that H.M.S. Renown was damaged last Tuesday.

This lie has already been nailed in an official British account of the short battle between H.M.S. Renown and the German cruiser Scharnhorst and another vessel. The British report shows that the Scharnhorst was hit several times by the Renown's powerful broadsides. The Renown was subsequently hit by a bomb but her thick armour plating withstood the shock and there were no casualties.

Other German claims state that three British submarines have been destroyed in the Skagerrak.

REFUGEES POUR INTO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15 (UP).—It is reported that over a thousand Norwegian refugees have crossed the Swedish frontier from Ostfold.

They are being accommodated in private homes, schools, and public buildings. Most of the refugees are women and children.

CHINESE ARMY SUES HONGKONG TRADER

Claim For Return Of \$190,000 Upheld By Court

THE HEADQUARTERS of the Fourth Route Army, now known as the 12th Army Group, brought an action against Henri Krebs, trading as Maurice Augsburg and Co., before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning, for the return of \$190,000 in connection with the sale of 10,000 gasmasks.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Geo. K. Hall Brutton and Co., appeared for plaintiffs. Defendant was absent and it was stated that his solicitors, Messrs. Deacons, had received no further instructions from him.

Breach Of Contract
Mr. Potter said the claim arose out of a breach of contract entered into by both parties in 1938 for the delivery of 10,000 gasmasks, for which plaintiffs paid \$190,000 into a bank on behalf of defendant.

The defence admitted the breach of contract but did not admit that plaintiffs were a department of the Republic of China and raised a set-off which was struck off subsequently.

Evidence would be given, added Mr. Potter, to prove that plaintiffs were a department of the Republic of China and as such were entitled to sue under their own name.

Mr. J. Watson, First Clerk of the Colonial Secretariat, produced a document received from the Chinese Foreign Office at Chungking regarding the status of the Fourth Route Army.

Colonel's Evidence
Colonel T. S. Wong, of the Fourth Route Army, said the troops were established in 1936. He produced four documents from the Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, appointing him as Commander-in-Chief of the Corps, ordering him to re-organise the Corps and appointing him as Commander-in-Chief of the 12th Army Group.

The Fourth Route Army, which had since been changed to the 12th Army Group, was a department of the Republic of China, having its own headquarters and treasury as well as running the whole of the military organisation in Kwangtung.

Mr. Tung-fan Lo, barrister-at-law and former legal expert to the Legislative Yuan at Nanking said he was familiar with the position of the Fourth Route Army and from his knowledge it was a department of the Republic of China. It was the highest military organisation functioning in Canton before the fall of the city.

A department of this kind, which was not incorporated, had the right to sue according to the laws of China. It was not a juridical person because it was not incorporated in the Civil Code but it was referred to as a public body and as such it was entitled to sue as a department.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs, with costs.

Earlier Case Recalled
It may be remembered that in July last, Krebs brought an appeal against a decision of Mr. Justice Lindsell ordering that part of his statement of defence to be struck out. The part of the statement in question pleaded a set-off in respect of \$242,000 which Krebs said was due to him in connection with the sale of 8,000 75 mm. shells to plaintiffs.

Mr. Justice Lindsell ordered the statement to be struck out on the grounds that it was vexatious, frivolous and, therefore, an abuse of the process of the Court.

It was then stated that the gasmasks, which formed the subject of the present action, were actually delivered but were not accepted because they were not in accordance with the samples.

Six People Die In City Blaze

PANAMA CITY, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Six people were reported to have been burned to death and 10,000 rendered homeless as a result of disastrous fires in the town of Colon last night.

The entire civilian and military fire fighting forces on both sides of the Isthmus were mobilised to fight the flames.

United States troops blew up buildings in an attempt to save valuable properties.

Fire Under Control
MANILA, Apr. 14 (UP).—Colon officials stated that the fire was completely controlled at midnight.

Approximately 10,000 are homeless and 50 wounded, the number of dead being unknown. Twenty-five city blocks were destroyed and the damage has not been estimated.

Looting and rioting which started with the fire was brought to a halt by military patrols.

DIVORCE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

The decree nisi granted to Mrs. Phyllis Gibbons in her petition for the dissolution of her marriage with Mr. James Henry Gibbons, was made absolute by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

The suit, which was not contested, was brought in September last and was based on the ground of cruelty and, alternatively, of desertion.

Exchange At A Glance

| SELLING | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| T.T. London | 1/2 1/2 |
| Demand Shanghai | 2/3 1/2 |
| T.T. Shanghai | 3/0 |
| T.T. Singapore | 52 1/2 |
| T.T. Japan | 92 |
| T.T. India | 82 1/2 |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 21 1/2 |
| T.T. Manila | 43 |
| T.T. Batavia | 39 1/2 |
| T.T. Bangkok | 150 |
| T.T. Saigon | 108 1/2 |
| T.T. France | 10 1/2 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 9 1/2 |
| T.T. Australia | 1/6 1/2 |
| BUYING | |
| 4 m/s L/C London | 1/3 1/4 |
| 4 m/s D/P | 1/3 1/4 |
| 4 m/s L/C U.S.A. | 22 1/2 |
| 4 m/s France | 11.40 |
| 30 d/s India | 84 |
| U.S. Cross rate in London | 4.02 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. | 3.52 1/2 |

WESTERN FRONT ALGERIANS ROUT NAZIS

Ambush Patrol In No-Man's-Land

LONDON, Apr. 14 ("Reuter's" Special Correspondent from the French Army).—When a 50-strong German patrol entered a village in No Man's Land, they provided a reward for 20 Algerian sharpshooters who had lain out in the fields waiting for marauders for five successive nights.

A German officer fell victim to the first rifle crack. This apparently discouraged his men, who were routed. Seven took refuge in a loft but surrendered when the Algerians entered the village at dawn.

Other Attacks Repulsed

PARIS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued today states that on several points of the front west of the Vosges, the enemy infantry units, supported by artillery, tried to force our lines.

They were repulsed and suffered losses.

Nazi Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—The Nazi High Command issues the following communiqué:

"There has been lively artillery and shock troop activity at some points. Two detachments of our shock troops penetrated the enemy position at dawn and fought several kilometres across the frontier south-west of Metz.

"They annihilated an enemy force, destroyed four dugouts and returned with prisoners."

"South-west of Saarbrücken, on French territory, one detachment of our shock troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took prisoners."

"Shock troop action and heavy artillery action by the enemy south of Zweibrücken was not successful. On the Upper Rhine front in the region of Istein, scout troops crossed the Rhine and penetrated into the enemy outposts on an island in the Rhine."

Break-Through Effort Fails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—PARIS, April 14 (UP).—Military observers agree that the Germans made an unprecedented effort to crash the advance posts of the Maginot Line today.

But all heavy German thrusts have been repulsed.

The climax came with a German attack along a mile front in the sector east of the Moselle River.

Nazi heavy artillery and patrols routed French advance posts before the big guns of the Maginot Line forced the Germans back with heavy losses.

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of reinforcements have arrived in the coastal areas.

The Home was cordoned off by troops throughout to-night. All other important towns throughout the country have been ringed by soldiers, who are also patrolling the

HITLER'S BLUNDER

Exports Lose Respect For Nazi Strategy

LONDON, Apr. 14 (British Wireless).—The fact that the Germans are still in possession of Bergen and Trondheim arouses no special anxiety in authoritative quarters. It is recognised that the importance of evicting the Germans from these ports, in which they are isolated, is of secondary significance compared with the task of destroying the German Fleet, with which such satisfactory progress has been reported.

The complete severance of sea communications of these Nazi forces with Germany now seems to be assured.

In naval quarters here, respect for German naval strategists has been greatly lowered by last week's striking demonstrations of their failure to understand the basic principles on which success in sea warfare is based.

Driven Into Mad Action?

The "Sunday Times" naval correspondent says that the prime errors were obvious within 24 hours. The invasion was undertaken across waters, of which the German Navy not only did not have command, but also did not have even temporary command; and secondly the invading forces, both naval and military, were divided up into small raiding parties aimed, as the Norwegian communiqué makes clear, at no fewer than eight different points, distributed over as much as 1,000 miles.

It is charitably assumed by students of naval warfare here that Hitler was driven into action by the need to supply his public with new sensations and that the German naval staff cannot have failed to warn him of the danger of the enterprise.

The events are regarded as lending colour to reports, hitherto treated with reserve, that Grand Admiral Raeder, the Nazi naval chief, has fallen into disfavour for the vehemence with which he advanced his arguments against the project.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

| BANKS | |
|------------------------|------------|
| H.K. Banks | 1,400 b. |
| H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) | £23 1/2 n. |
| H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) | £23 1/2 n. |
| Chartered | 9 1/2 n. |
| Messageries A. & B. | 51 1/4 n. |
| Messageries C. & E. | 12 1/2 n. |
| East Asia | 74 n. |

| INSURANCES | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Canton | 230 n. |
| Union | 490 n. |
| China Underwriters | 85 cts. n. |
| H.K. Fire | 171 b. |

| SHIPPING | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Douglases s.x.d. | 145 n. |
| Steamboats | 10 1/2 b. |
| Indo-China P. | 100 n. |
| Indo-China D. | 80 n. |
| Shell (Reapers) s/- | 75 7/8 n. |
| Waterboats | 7 1/2 n. |

| DOCKS ETC. | |
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| Providents | 4 1/2 s. |
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| H.K. Mines | 4 cts. n. |

| LANDS | |
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| Lands | 36 1/2 n. |
| Lands 4% Debentures | 100 n. |
| Shal Lands Sh. | 14.30 n. |
| Humphreys | 8 n. |
| H.K. Realities | 4 1/2 n. |
| Chinese Estates | 103 n. |

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| Star Ferries | 63 n. |
| Y. Ferries | 25 1/4 s. |
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| China Lights (new) | 5.20 n. |
| H.K. Electric | 65 1/4 b. |
| Macao Electric | 21 b. |
| Sandakan Lights | 11 1/4 n. |
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| Telephones (new) | 10 b. |

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| Cald. Macg. (Pref.) | Sh. \$ 12 n. |
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| Cements | 17 1/2 n. |
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| Dairy Farms | 21 1/4 b. |
| Watsons | 0.20 b. |
| Lanc. Crawford | 7 1/4 b. |
| Sinceres | 2 b. |
| Wing On (H.K.) | 30 b. |
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| H.K. Entertainments | 6.80 b. |
| Constructions (old) | 1 1/4 n. |
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Demobilisation Of Danish Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—BERLIN, April 15 (UP).—DNB reports that the demobilisation of the Danish Army has commenced. Important coastal points in Denmark have been prepared against a possible Allied attack, the report adds.

A further attack was made on the enemy in Hafslund where a number of planes were being moored on the water were machine-gunned. The enemy machine-gun post was silenced.

SECURITIES FOR THE TREASURY

LONDON, Apr. 14, (British Wireless).—By an order just issued, 117 U.S.A. dollar securities are transferred to Treasury control. This action was forecast in the

Another Raid On Stavanger

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that at dawn again to-day British aircraft made a low flying attack on Stavanger aerodrome, the hangar and runway. A number of enemy aircraft were damaged.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

CHINESE RETAIN THE LAI WAH CUP

Army Defeated 3-1 After Leading 1-0 At Interval

(By "Rox")

Army were again basted by Chinese, after leading one goal to nil in the first half, when they met in the final of the Lai Wah Cup at Club ground yesterday, the final score being three goals to one.

Chinese were better all round, their forwards had more cohesion, which reduced to a great extent the advantage Army had on the heavy ground. Despite poor visibility, both custodians gave a remarkable performance, Duncan being the better of the two, saving, on a few occasions, from the feet of the opposing forwards.

Tam Kwan-kon kept his charge very well. His handling of the slippery ball was safe, and he pulled off some nice saves from deceptive high shots.

Hau Yung-sang gave a brilliant performance and easily overshadowed his partner Leo Tin-sang. He covered up well for Lee, and had the full measure of Army's left flank.

Soong Ling-sing capped an excellent day's play with a fine goal from well outside the penalty area. He was the best of the halves, spilling treacherously and feeding well. The Kam-hung came in for a share of the half backs' glory. Although not always getting the better of Gordon, he, to a great extent, diverted several dangerous Army moves. Leung Wing-chiu played better than he has for some time, and was responsible for some of the Chinese raids.

LEE WAI TONG EXCELS

LEE Wai-tong played his hardest game this season, and deserved at least two more goals. Fully aware of Bright's presence, he hardly ever attempted to break through, but sent beautiful passes to his wing men. When unattended by Bright, he had the misfortune to hit the posts and rebound the wrong way. Fung King-cheong and Chan Tak-fai rendered yeoman services for their side. They, too, were very unfortunate with some of their shots. The change-over in the second half, when Chan led with Fung on his right and Lee on his left, found the inside trio in their element, and only the superb goalkeeping of Duncan kept the score at its low ebb.

Ip Pak-wah was the harder worked winger. Tang Kwong-sum was neglected most of the time. Ip's centre was always a source of constant danger to Army, and ever and anon he would be in front of Army goal peppering at Duncan. Duncan was in great difficulty. I venture to say that had visibility been good, he would have been unbeatable. Chan's goal would have been saved if the ground had been hard and not slippery.

Guy played a surprisingly good game at back. He was unfortunate in fouling Lee, the goal scored may have had its effect on the result.

ARMY HALVES SHINE

ARMY's half-back line was most times the backbone of the team. Bright's policing of Lee, and later of Chan, left little to be desired. He gave both players very little scope, at the same time striving to get his forwards moving. Freshwater and Birrell gave him excellent support, spilling and feeding indefatigably. They were alternately up with the forwards, down with the defence, peppering the opposite goal, and blocking their goal.

Army's forward line, however, did not come up to mark. Fox was very much left in the cold, the attacks originating from either flank, ended with that flank, Fleming, surprisingly enough, struck up an early understanding with Duffield, and gave him a hectic afternoon. Gordon and Hosack, at the other end, combined well, and were the more effective pair getting closer than their opposite pair to the goal. Their shooting on the whole was deplorable, considering the chances they had, they should have had more than the single goal.

Chinese attacked from the whistle and Duncan was seen to save from Tang's centre. Chan's shot was blocked for Lee to possess and shoot just out. Hosack at the other end centred for Tam to fumble before Chan. Brilliant combination by Chan, Fung and Ip saw the ball quickly transferred to Army area. Lee's parting drive struck the post. Chinese kept up the pressure and their forwards showed excellent understanding, and positioned themselves well for accurate passes.

ARMY OPEN SCORE

ARMY rallied to stage a raid on Chinese area. Fox was brought down by Soong, and a penalty was awarded Army. Hosack scored with a beautiful shot from the spot to open for Army. The whistle shortly blew for the interval.

Chinese took matters into their hands and raided Army area systematically. Army halves rose to the occasion to defend well, and with a little success. After pressing for some time, Lee received a perfect through pass from Fung, and, on the

VOLUNTEERS' RIFLE MEET

Excellent Attendance
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Shoot Next Year

BAD WEATHER and a strong wind failed to spoil the Volunteer Rifle Meeting which was successfully held at the Kowloon City Rifle ranges yesterday. The timing, which required an immense amount of organisation, worked perfectly.

Despite a 25 minutes' delay at the beginning of the shoot, all competitions were finished on time. Owing to the large number of entries, it was said that it is now obvious that one day for the Corps meeting is not enough and that another year there will either be a revision of the practices or have at least two days. Towards the end of the meeting a minor accident occurred on "B" range when a butt registrar, a member of the Middlesex Regiment, was injured on the knee by an iron plate which fell. The man was not seriously injured and was able to walk when he left the ranges for medical attendance.

Capt. Le Sellaire, R.E., and Lt. Otway, R.E., who acted as firing point officers throughout the day contributed to the success of the meeting.

THE RESULTS

With the exception of the Francis Cup, the following results are only provisional. The full results were not available yesterday as checking has to be done:

Francis Cup—1. No. 5 Coy. "A" (L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier, Sgt. Balores, L/Cpl. Pereira, Pte. J. Ribeiro); 2. Corps of Signals "A" (Sgt. W. E. Sig. D. K. Yip, Sig. C. L. Salter, Sgt. J. L. Lister); 3. 2nd Bn. Royal Artillery (Pte. A. C. Siquiera, Pte. G. A. Noronha, Pte. E. Antonio, Pte. A. J. Castro, 1st pte. 2. No. 3 Coy. (Pte. R. J. Castro, Pte. A. Rosario, Pte. G. A. Gomes, Pte. J. M. Gonsalves).
Buckley Shield—1. No. 1 Coy. "A" team (Major Owen-Hughes, Capt. Wood, Lt. Holmes, Cpl. Hammond), 1st pte.
Musketry Competition—1. L/Sgt. H. M. Nemesio (87); 2. Cpl. V. M. Hammond (87).

EASTERN WIN AGAIN IN MANILA

MANILA, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Eastern Athletic Association's touring football team scored their second victory in Manila last night when they defeated the La Granja Booters 7-2 before a crowd of 8,000. The visitors are scheduled to play three more matches.

The Hongkong team completely outclassed the local team in all departments of the game, and demonstrating smooth combination and many tricks scored twice within the first two minutes of play.

The score at the end of the first half was 3-0. The Manila team scored their only goal at the beginning of the second half, but thereafter the Chinese tightened up.

To-morrow, the Chinese meet Larian College.

First Round Draw For League Cup

LONDON, Apr. 12 (Reuter).—The following is the draw for the First Round of the Football League Cup Competition, which will be played on April 20 and 27:

| NORTH A | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| New Brighton | v. Stoke |
| Wrexham | v. Wolverhampton |
| Blackpool | v. Southampton or Oldham |
| Barrow | v. Liverpool |
| Manchester | v. Manchester |
| United | v. City |
| Blackburn Rovers | v. Bolton Wanderers |
| Sheff. Wed. | v. Burnley |
| Sheff. Utd. | v. Preston |
| NORTH B | |
| Bradford | v. Newcastle |
| Leeds | v. Sheffield Wednesday |
| Huddersfield | v. Grimsby |
| Sheff. Utd. | v. Doncaster or Notherham |
| United | v. Hull |
| York | v. Hartlepool |
| Barnsley | v. Darlington |
| Sunderland | v. Juddersfield |
| Sheff. Utd. | v. Juddersfield |
| SOUTH A | |
| Arsonal | v. Notts County |
| Fulham | v. Brentford |
| Crystal Palace | v. Tottenham |
| Southend | v. Northampton or Watford |
| West Ham | v. Chelsea |
| Notts Forest | v. Charlton |
| Leicester | v. Norwich |
| SOUTH B | |
| Newport | v. Birmingham |
| Swansea | v. Port Vale of Walsall |
| Swindon | v. Cardiff or Torquay |
| Plymouth | v. Bournemouth |
| Coventry | v. Luton |
| West Bromwich | v. Portsmouth |
| Southampton | v. Bristol Rovers |

New Record For Pole-Vault

BERKELEY, Calif., Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Cornelius Warmerdam, of San Francisco, to-day established a new world record for the pole vault clearing 15 feet.

The previous record was 14 feet 11 inches, and was held jointly by Bill Sefton and Earle Meadows, both of California.

point of shooting, was brought down by Guy.

CHINESE EQUALISE, SURGE AHEAD

A free kick was awarded which Lee made no mistake in converting Chinese equaliser.

Less than two minutes later, Chan received from Tang to break through the defence and pass the advancing Duncan with a stinging drive to place Chinese one up.

A ding dong struggle ensued with both sides raiding, the Chinese more effectively. About ten minutes from full time Chinese made the issue secure when Soong tried from about 45 yards out a perfect rising shot, which caught Duncan completely by surprise.

The Teams were:—
Army—Duncan, Newsmith, Guy, Freshwater, Bright, Birrell, Hosack, Gordon, Fox, Fleming and Duffield.
Chinese—Tang Kwan-kon; Hau Yung-sang; Leo Tin-sang; Soong Ling-sing; Leung Wing-chiu; Tse Kam-hung; Tang Kwong-sum, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong; Fung King-cheong and Ip Pak-wah.

Valley Cup Competition Opens Local Lawn Bowls Season

A LAWN BOWLS match between the Hongkong Football Club and the Civil Service Cricket Club in the Valley Cup Competition opened the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Season on Saturday—the former beating the latter by the narrow margin of three shots.

LAU WAI CHEUNG, 8-Ft. The Club de Recreo, the Kowloon Docks and the Kowloon F.C. also made a start, Recreo being at home to six visiting rinks, and Kowloon C.C. played an intra-Club game. The Kowloon Docks beat the Kowloon F.C. by 17 shots.

At the Valley, six rinks also participated in the match, the highest rinks score of the afternoon being that of W. Gill's four who tallies 40 shots against J. Hollidge's rink.

The scores were:—
T. Seddon, T. Wood, A. D. Allan, L. A. Collier (skip) (C.S.C.C.) lost to A. B. Dismore, R. P. Shaw, C. F. Needham, and G. S. Graver (skip) 18-22.
C. J. Jackson, D. Hollidge, W. J. Burling, and J. Hollidge (skip), lost to J. B. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill (skip) 4-40.
J. Carr, A. J. Macfadyen, A. Steven, S. Eccleshall (skip) beat J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brookbank (skip) 20-14.
R. R. Wood, H. P. Harper, J. P. McGowan and J. Deakin (skip) beat J. I. Barnes, C. B. Robertson, T. R. Rowell and J. A. R. Selby (skip) 2-9.
A. Shepherd, J. Hickman, P. D. Crawley and M. N. Rakusen (skip) drew with A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lamert and N. J. Bebbington (skip) 10-10.
H. E. Walker, F. Austin, J. Gellatly and H. E. Strange (skip) lost to T. P. Anderson, G. S. Robertson, A. Mansell and H. G. Wallington (skip) 20-12.

Recreio Green Opened

SIX VISITING RINKS were entertained by the Club de Recreo on Saturday, when they held their lawn bowls opening day. The visitors lost all their games and were beaten by 33 all shots. At the conclusion, each of the visitors were presented with a spoon by Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida Jr., President of the Club.

stick of Miss I. Buchanan in the second half.

BRAWN CUP

THE ARGONAUTS suffered their first defeat when they lost to the Rest. They were far and away the better team on Saturday, and it was extremely unfortunate that the deciding goal should have been detected by their own goalkeeper.

Other Games

KOWLOON Cricket Club had an intra-Club roll-up when four rinks participated, and at Chatham Road, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club lost to Kowloon Football Club by 17 shots in a friendly match.

SPORT ADVTS.

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THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 20th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax), are obtainable through the Secretary upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27784) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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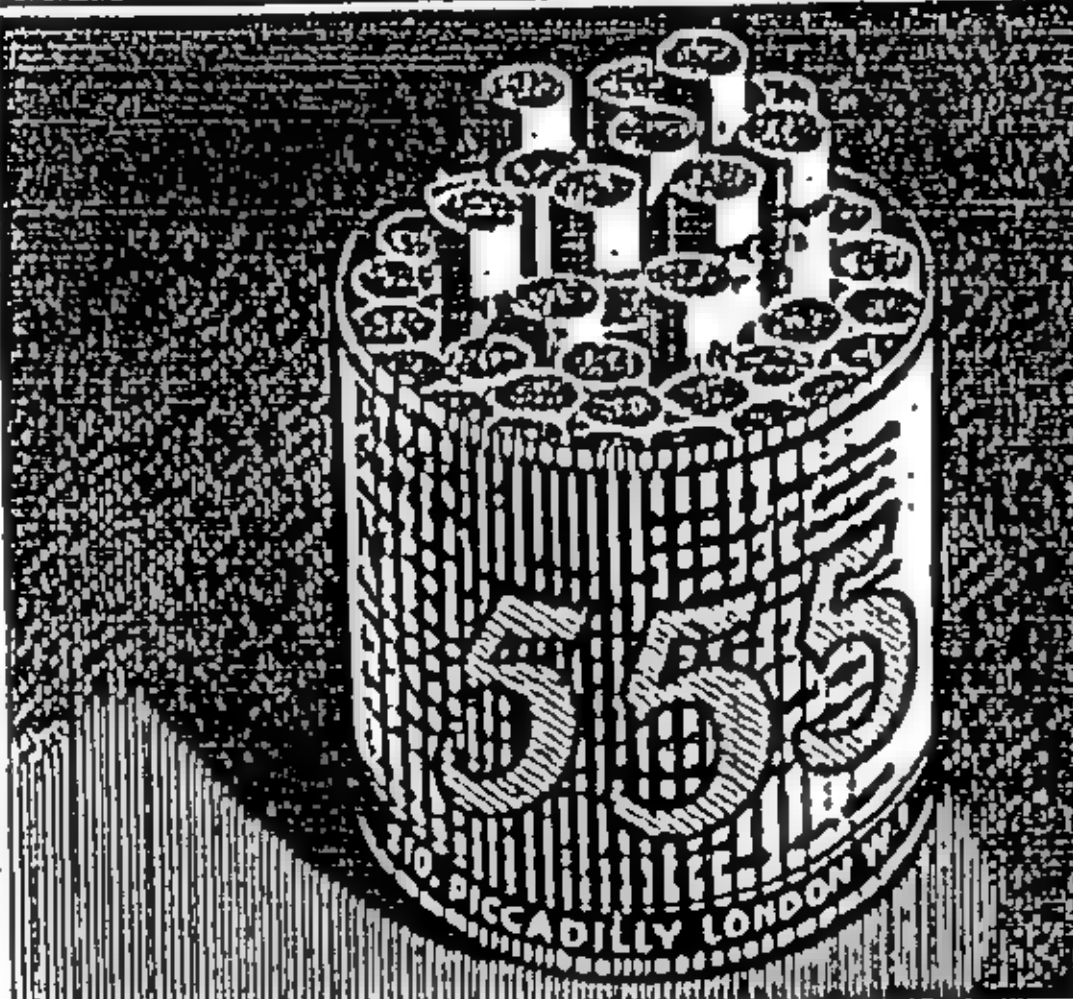
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FROM the King's Physician, Professor J. A. Ryle, Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge University, comes strong criticism of the present methods of medical training and an attack on the "spurious sanctity of Harley Street."

Writing in the "Lancet" he suggests that the upheaval caused by the war should be used as an opportunity to found a new system.

Medical teaching, he declares, was on the decline before the war, owing to the exactions of private practice on the time and energy of a teacher-consultant and the multiplication of subjects on the medical curriculum.

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JAPANESE THREAT

Warning To Be Issued To Third Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, April 15 (UP).—The Japanese Government is closely watching the situation in Europe.

Authoritative sources declare that Japan is concerned over reports that the Netherlands may become concerned.

The Government is planning representations to other Powers, declaring that Japan will not welcome any extension of hostilities to the western Pacific, and that she is prepared to take counter-measures if her representations are disregarded.

The Government's warning will be conveyed either through the Foreign Office or through Japan's diplomatic representatives abroad.

Official quarters are silent regarding reports that Japan may seize the Netherlands East Indies if Holland is invaded by Germany.

Nearly 200 girls from high, secondary, and well-known boarding schools, were asked this question.

Their replies are analysed by Dr. Edith Mercer in the January "Occupational Psychology."

The vast majority of girls were in favour of some type of work, but 77 per cent. also expressed the wish to marry.

Of 185 who were asked whether they would retain their work if they married,

22 per cent. said Yes, 38 per cent. were uncertain, and 50 per cent. thought they would give up their careers.

Incidentally, more than 50 per cent. of those wishing to take up some type of work preferred occupations open to both men and women.

CHINESE CUSTOMS CHIEF

The Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Sir Frederick Maize arrived from Shanghai yesterday.

Planes Crash In Flames

British And Germans Suffer Losses

THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—It is officially announced here that a British bomber has crashed in flames on Dutch territory near the village of Babberich, close to the German frontier. The plane crashed after a fight with German machines.

The fight occurred over German territory as far as could be ascertained.

An inquiry is being held into the case.

Nazis Also Lose Plane

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—A wireless report states that a German three-engined bomber crashed on the mountainside and caught fire after flying over the town of Uddevalla to-day.

The report adds that a Junker machine made a forced landing in the western part of Sweden.

Sequel To Dog-Fight

THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The British bomber which crashed in Dutch territory was one of two Royal Air Force bombers which had engaged in a fierce battle with three German fighters near the Dutch frontier.

One bomber got away and the fighters concentrated on the other, which was finally shot down and immediately burst into flames so fierce that it was impossible to rescue the occupants.

Italian Fleet Concentrated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, April 14 (UP).—Balkan diplomatic sources state that Mussolini has concentrated the Italian fleet at the Italian naval base in the Dodecanese Islands, which are at the entrance to the Dardanelles. It is persistently reported that preparations are under way to call up 1,250,000 Italian Reservists.

Wang Returns To Nanking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, April 15 (UP).—The "Central China Daily News" states that Wang Ching-wei has returned to Nanking from his inspection tour of Canton. He made a broadcast last night praising the Cantonese for "their support."

He proposes that every full member of a hospital teaching staff should be paid £500 a year by the State, with an additional £100 a year from the medical school funds in respect of tutorial work and lectures.

In return the teacher should devote at least half his working time (three whole or six half days a week) to his hospital duties, care of the sick, investigation of disease and teaching.

So that he can combine private practice with these duties, consulting rooms at low rental might be provided in the hospitals. "Private and hospital patients alike would come to feel a pride in a community actively working on their behalf, and to prefer its efficiencies to the spurious sanctity of the Harley Street consulting-room," writes Professor Ryle.

In addition, there should be whole-time directors of the medical, surgical and obstetric services of the hospital, paid £500 a year by the State and between £1,300 and £1,500 a year from university or medical school funds.

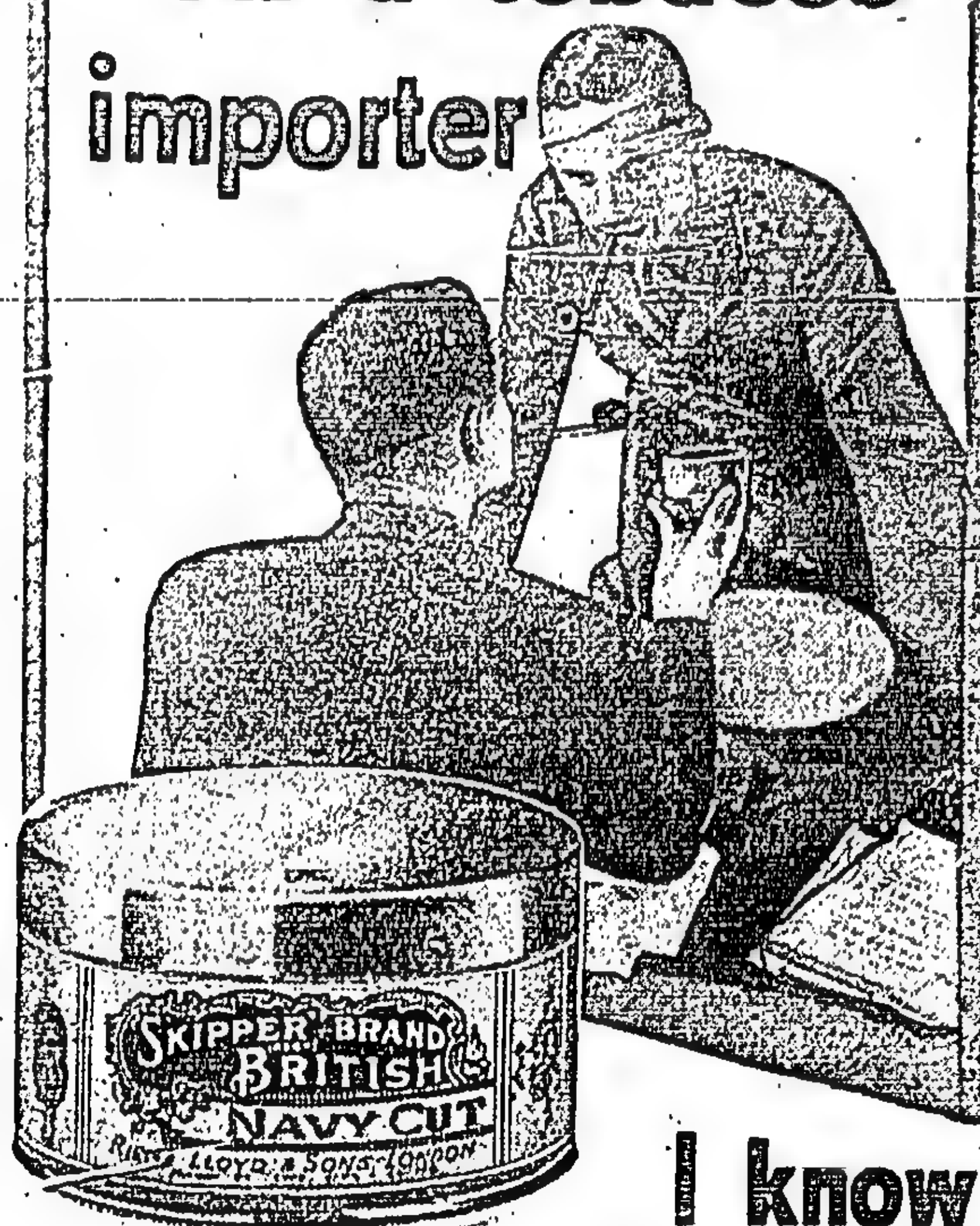
"Commercial Outlook"

Directors should be men between 40 and 50, who have served an apprenticeship in both teaching and practice, and to students, "our aim should be to train fewer doctors, but to make of them better."

One of the main reasons for the increase in the number of entries to the medical profession in recent years he considers detrimental. Since the last war we have "witnessed a conspicuous increase in the commercial outlook of doctors in all branches of the profession and a sensible waning of ethical standards."

Professor Ryle, who opposes over-specialisation in medicine, gave up a lucrative practice in London at the age of 46 to take the Regius Professorship at Cambridge. He supported the admission of refugee Jewish doctors from Austria and Germany into this country.

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U.S. May Be Dragged Into War, Paper Warns

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Dutch newspaper "Volk", in discussing Mr. Winston Churchill's speech, says: "It is the British soberness which appeals to us Netherlands and arouses confidence."

Agreeing with Mr. Churchill's conviction that Hitler committed a strategic error, the "Handelsblad" says: "It looks as if the growing persistence in Norway might be a danger to the Germans who may be cut off."

The destruction of the German destroyers at Narvik provides the chief war story in all the New York papers.

The "New York Times" says, "The warring nations are not alone in believing that their existence depends on the outcome of this war. Every neutral country, no matter how far from Europe or how determined they are to stay out of this war, must reassess its position in the light of the result of the German drive. Germany has now shown that she will not hesitate to crush any neutral in her path if by that she will gain a strategic advantage."

"Herald-Tribune's" Warning: "The war is coming closer to us every day," says the "Herald-Tribune." "The fate of Greenland interests."

SOVIET ARMY MASSING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, April 14, (Dome).—Unconfirmed Press reports from Helsinki state that the Soviet Army is "gulf" massing forces on the northern Finnish frontier.

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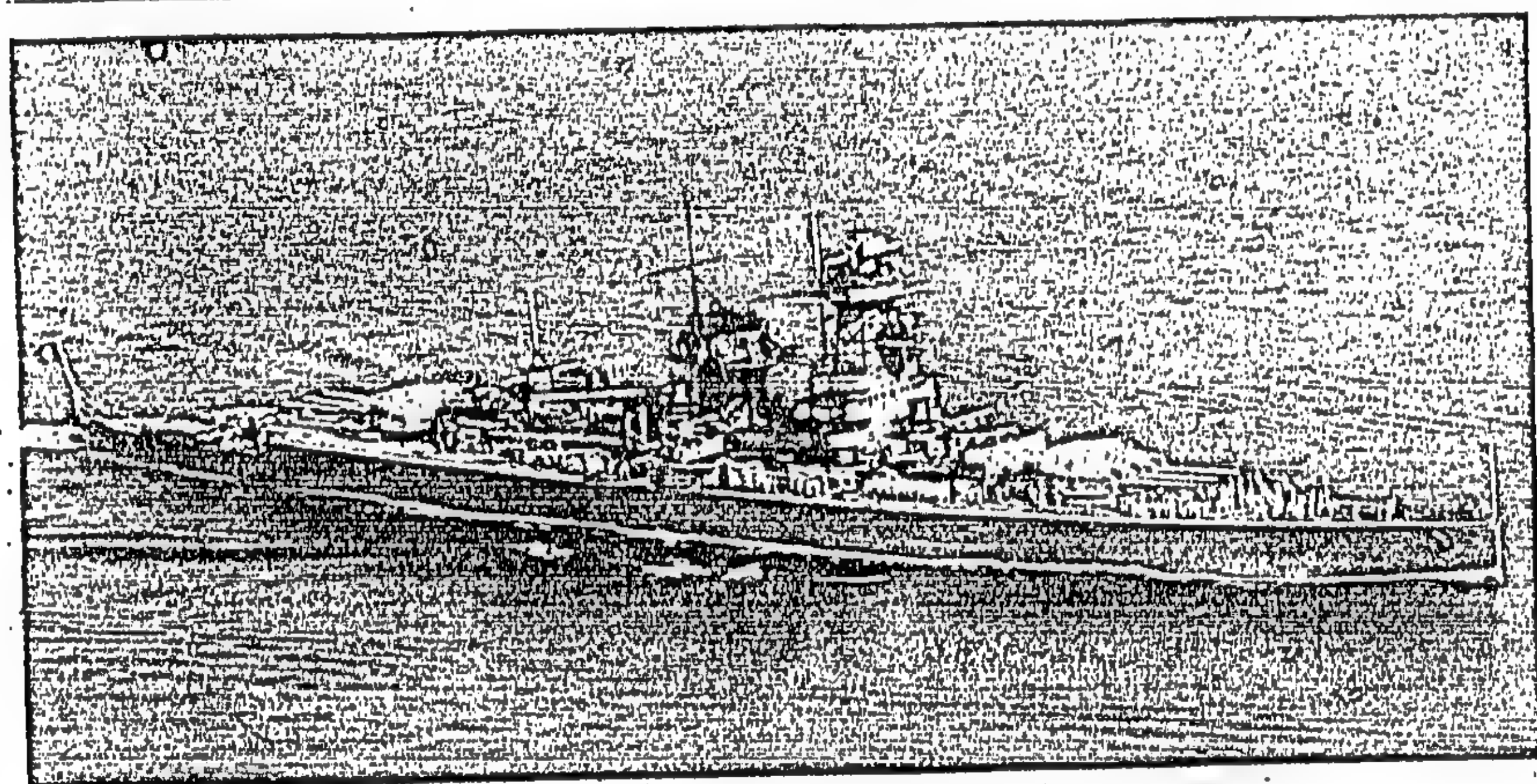
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NAZIS ABANDON NARVIK: FACING BIG ARMY AT OSLO

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from a Norwegian news agency office at Bodoe, the German troops have abandoned Narvik and are taking refuge in the difficult country north and east of Narvik. Whether or not the British forces have landed is not yet known.

French Laud Narvik Operations

PARIS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—On the occasion of the Narvik operations, M. Paul Reynaud sent a telegram to Mr. Chamberlain reading: "The French nation shares the British feelings of admiration and gratitude for the Royal Navy, which has just added a page to the glory of its record and inflicted a defeat on the enemy which will never be forgotten."

Military circles describe the Narvik operations as a very severe blow to Germany and Hitler himself. At least one third of the German Navy is now said to have been destroyed. It is believed here that the Germans have not more than 35,000 troops in Norway. These are mainly concentrated around Oslo and are operating in three directions.

All Franco Thrilled

PARIS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—All France is thrilled at the brilliant action of the British Navy at Narvik which is splashed on the front pages of all Paris newspapers. "Nelson must be chuckling in his grave" was the comment of the man in the street, while the typical comment in official quarters was: "In a few hours the British Navy has shattered a bagful of Goebbels' slogans."

A semi-official statement emphasises the strategic importance of Britain's action in the North Sea and the Baltic. It says that the attempt of the Reich to occupy Norwegian ports has proved to be a very great error. Nothing now prevents the Allies from doing as they like whenever they want to in the North Sea.

The British Admiralty has proved that Hitler's traditional surprise attack is only a bluff from the moment he meets his first resistance.

20,000 Attacking Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—Exchange Telegram from Stockholm reports that 20,000 Norwegians are attacking the German forces at Oslo.

Germans Retreat

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—According to a despatch from Stockholm, following fighting at Eldsvald, 40 miles northeast of Oslo, the Germans are reported to have been forced to retreat to the south. The despatch adds that over 1,000

HARDY'S MEN DIED FIGHTING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that the casualties aboard the British destroyer Hardy, which participated in the naval action at Narvik, totalled two officers and 14 ratings killed, two ratings missing believed drowned and three officers and six ratings seriously injured.

The officers casualties were as follows: Captain R. A. Warburton-Lee, killed. Lieutenant O.P.W. Cross, killed. Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Gordon-Smith, seriously injured.

Paymaster Lieutenant G. H. Stanning, seriously injured. Temporary Surgeon-Lieutenant A.P.E. Walnd, seriously injured.

"KILL KING HAAKON" ORDER TO NAZIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 15 (UP).—HITLER, ANGERED THAT THE NORWEGIANS HAVE REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO HIS DEMANDS THAT THEY LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND SUBMIT PEACEFULLY TO THE NAZI INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRY, HAS APPARENTLY ORDERED HIS AIRMEN TO "GET" KING HAAKON OF NORWAY.

The Norwegian Government has officially informed the British Government that this appears to be the result of the German dictator's latest "brainstorm."

Airmen Given Orders

German aircraft, the report to the British Government states, have evidently been ordered to make the Norwegian Royal Family their "target" and to personally attack King Haakon.

"German aircraft have been bombing each successive place in which His Majesty the King resides," the Note to Britain declares. "The action follows His Majesty's refusal to negotiate personally with the German Minister at Oslo."

King's Curt Refusal

"In the course of a telephonic conversation with King Haakon last Thursday, the German Minister in Oslo demanded that the King dismiss the Norwegian Government and recognise the Quisling puppet administration as the legitimate Norwegian Government."

King Haakon retorted by informing the German Minister that further communications on the subject should be referred to him through his Ministerial advisers, the legitimate Norwegian Cabinet.

Danish Ships Disregard Orders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, April 15 (UP).—Apparently disregarding British Admiralty orders that Danish and Norwegian ships should proceed to British ports, the Danish motorship Panama and the Norwegian steamer Tallman left Manila yesterday for unknown destinations.

The Panama was originally scheduled to sail for Hongkong and Shanghai on Thursday. The Tallman was scheduled to leave for Shanghai.

Other Ships Remain

Waterfront reports state that the Danish ship is proceeding to the Pacific coast of the United States through the San Bernardino Straits. The Panama and Tallman are the first Danish or Norwegian ships to leave Philippine ports since the German invasion of Scandinavia. The Norwegian vessels Tirana, Fernplant and the Danish motor vessel Neil Maersk are still in Manila.

LONDON, April 15 (Reuter).—Japan is secretly building a vast fleet of super dreadnaughts greatly exceeding in tonnage either the British or United States battleship tonnage, according to information reaching Naval and Diplomatic Circles in Washington.

This statement was made this morning by the Washington Correspondent of the London "Daily Mail".

Japan is expected to announce the existence of this tremendous secret fleet soon, the Correspondent adds.

She had intended to spring it on the world as one of the biggest shocks in naval history, but information leaked out from Tokyo.

Japan's naval construction has been kept secret for some time.

Jane's Fighting Ships" disclosed in its last issue that four new battleships were under construction. It was believed then that they would be ships of over 40,000 tons each, armed with eight or nine 16-in. guns and with a speed in the region of 30 knots.

Her biggest battleships at present are the 32,720-ton Nagato and Mutu, which were launched in 1919 and 1920. They are, incidentally, Japan's most modern battleships.

Her existing fleet comprises nine battleships, five aircraft carriers (two building), 12 first class cruisers, 25 second class cruisers (seven more building) and 122 destroyers. She possesses approximately 70 submarines.

The visible naval estimates have increased from 550,000,000 yen in 1936 to over 1,100,000,000 yen last year.

The "Daily Mail" correspondent states that Washington circles have learned that, in addition to the four battleships disclosed as being under construction by "Jane's Fighting Ships," Japan is building an additional four, possibly eight, dreadnaughts of between 40,000 and 50,000 tons.

NEUTRALS PREPARE

THE SITUATION in the neutrals around Germany is becoming more critical. Sweden, Holland and Belgium are taking further precautions.

Rumania and Yugo-Slavia have reached an agreement to reject the German demands that German warships be permitted to police the waters of the Danube River. Hungary is expected to also reject the demand.

Italy is reported to have concentrated her fleet at the Dodecanese, near the Dardanelles. Rumours persist that Mussolini will shortly mobilise 1,500,000 men and Italians have been warned to prepare for any contingency.

Soviet Russia is also reported to be massing troops along the Finnish frontier.

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22 AIR RAID VICTIMS

Twenty-two casualties from the air-raid carried out by Japanese aeroplanes on Sha-U-Chung, Mira Bay, on Saturday morning, were brought to British territory and taken to Kowloon Hospital the same evening. All were suffering from bomb shrapnel wounds.

One man was so severely injured that he died on his way to hospital.

FEARS IN BALKANS

Danube Bloc May Defy Hitler

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, April 15, (Dome).—Neutral observers regard the situation in the Balkans as increasingly critical.

Rumania is reported to have adopted a much stiffer attitude towards Germany.

The Cabinet is stated to have discussed the practicability of imposing a "general prohibition of all exports."

Simultaneously, it is reported that the Rumanian and Yugo-Slavian Governments have reached a complete agreement for the policing of the Danube River.

It is reported that Hungary may join in the agreement, which rejects the recent German claim that German river-gunboats should be permitted to guard all ships on the river carrying goods for Germany.

Italy Ready For Action

ROME, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The war which has fallen upon Norway might fall upon us, but if the bugles sound we shall be the ones to sound them," declared Signor Assoluto, Director of Count Ciano's newspaper, "Telegrafo," in a broadcast to the armed forces.

"Italy is preparing for the moment which will be most opportune," he continued. "Such an occasion, which a month ago might have been very remote, may now be nearer than you think. All who believe that Italy can draw into her shell and seek nothing but to make a little money are in error."

"Such a programme could not be carried out by a little country like Norway. How could it succeed in our case, who have common frontiers with the belligerents and Mediterranean interests?"

Italian Fleet Concentrated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—Balkan diplomatic sources state that Mussolini has concentrated the Italian fleet at the Italian naval base in the Dodecanese Islands, which are at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

It is persistently reported that preparations are under way to call up 1,250,000 Italian Reservists.

Soviet Army Massing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, April 14, (Dome).—Unconfirmed Press reports from Helsinki state that the Soviet Army is again massing forces on the northern Finnish frontier.

Charge Against Portuguese

Noel Silvio, 21, unemployed, of Seychelles, was charged before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court today with receiving three Philco radio sets and a portable gramophone, allegedly stolen property. Defendant was remanded for three days.

SAGA OF NAVAL WARFARE OFF NORWAY'S COAST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 15 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY THAT THE 10,000-TON GERMAN "POCKET BATTLESHIP" ADMIRAL SCHEER WAS TORPEDOED ON THURSDAY.

The Admiralty announcement does not reveal the fate of the German ship.

It states, however, that she was struck by more than one torpedo.

The Admiral Scheer is a sister-ship of the Admiral Graf Spee, which was scuttled off Montevideo after the Battle of the Plate, and is believed to be the only remaining ship of her type in the German Navy, since the British authorities previously claimed that one of the "pocket battleships" had been destroyed in previous naval and aerial action. This would be the Deutschland.

Truant Sinks Karlsruhe. It is now revealed that the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which was sunk on Tuesday, was the victim of a British submarine, and not Norwegian coastal batteries.

The submarine concerned was H.M.S. Truant, sister-ship of the famous Thetis. Sinking of the Karlsruhe by H.M.S. Truant is officially confirmed today in an Admiralty communique. The German High Command had already admitted the loss of this cruiser.

Admiral Swims Ashore

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The German warship sunk recently in the Oslo fjord was the Gneisenau and not the Bluecher as supplied by reports from Berlin that Admiral Carls and several naval and army officers of high rank were forced to swim ashore after the sinking.

Men of this high rank would only be in command of a major capital warship.

It is also significant that the Norwegian claim that the Gneisenau was sunk has not been denied by Berlin.

Nazi Claim Denied

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—On inquiry here it is learned, says an authoritative statement, that the German claim that a British cruiser of the Glasgow class was torpedoed in the North Shetlands is entirely devoid of foundation.

Great Work By Submarines

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique states that some indication of the highly successful work under extremely dangerous conditions of the British submarines during the past week can now be given.

The German pocket battleship, Admiral Scheer, was successfully attacked by the submarine Spearfish in the early hours of Thursday morning last.

It is probable that the Scheer was hit by more than one torpedo.

H.M.S. Truant torpedoed and sank a German cruiser, believed to be the Karlsruhe, on Tuesday last. The sinking of this cruiser has already been announced and admitted by the Germans.

Other Successes

Other successes include the sinking of the following German transport and supply ships:—the tanker, Post-donia, 3,011 tons; the August Reichenard, of 2,593 tons; the Kretz of 2,399 tons; the Rio de Janeiro, of 2,261 tons; the Jonia, of 3,102 tons; the Antra, of 2,593 tons; the Memorand, of 321 tons, and an unknown German ship of about 4,000 tons.

Also on April 10, two more unknown German ships were sunk and four other ships in convoy were hit by torpedoes, the results of these being unknown.

In addition the Alster, of 8,145 tons, has been captured and three trawlers—Friesland, Nordland and Blankenburg—have been brought into a British port. All these ships are in addition to six supply ships, and the Raumenfels, which was sunk off Narvik by the Second "Flotilla" Destroyer on Wednesday last as an

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ALLIES IN NARVIK

Report Unconfirmed, But Believed True

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—While there is no official confirmation or comment available on neutral reports that Allied troops have landed at Narvik, or the German reports that a large Allied expeditionary force is on the high-seas, the B.B.C. today made a significant broadcast urging Norwegians to inform the nearest Norwegian or Allied quarters regarding the movement of German warships, troops or aircraft.

King's Promise

It is expected that the veil will be lifted soon on further details as to what Allied activities are being taken to supplement King George's assurance that the Allies are sending help to Norway.

These activities presumably could not be fulfilled without an expeditionary force.

It has also been revealed that Mr. Chamberlain, in the middle of March, told the House of Commons that an Allied emergency expeditionary force of 100,000 men was then available and ready to go to the aid of Finland.

In London it is thought that there is no reason to suppose that this force has not been held in readiness since for any emergencies.

LATEST

KULING MAY BE RE-OPENED

HANKOW, April 15 (Reuter).—The possibility of reopening Kuling as a summer resort was discussed at a meeting of the foreigners on the famous mountain resort last week, according to a report just received.

Details concerning the meeting are not yet available, but the Japanese military authorities have considered it of sufficient importance to invite foreign correspondents to visit Kuling.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

D. ALVES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 20th April to 30th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1940.

By Order of the Board,

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CRY MEANT BETRAYAL —HE DIED

RATHER than warn the Germans of the presence of his raiding party, a French officer allowed himself to sink in an icy stream and drown without a cry for aid.

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The officer requested the honour of being first to land on the enemy bank. He was entrusted with the task of discovering the best place for advance and retreat.

Finding a canoe he crossed, despite the violent current and the presence of German look-out men.

Dragged Down

On his way back the canoe sank. Undetected, he plunged into the river and swam over, carrying a rope which he tethered to the German side as a guide for the raiding party.

Then he began his swim back to the French side. Exhausted by his efforts and the speed of the stream, he was drawn into a strong undercurrent.

A cry would have brought several men to his aid. But that cry would have given the alarm to German watchers. It was never given.

Instead, the heroic officer was drawn below the water to his death. Unconscious of the raiding party, the German sentries maintained their watch—in vain.

WEST POINT HOLD-UP

Chinese Threatens To Blow Up General Store

With a threat to blow up the shop if he did not receive the money he wanted, a Chinese on Saturday morning successfully obtained \$8 from a general store in Water Street. However his success was short-lived for shortly after the West Point Police arrested him.

When searched the man was found to be in possession of four hand grenades and a bayonet. When he first entered the store he demanded a high sum of money but was given only \$8 by the shop keeper.

Pro-Nazi Broadcaster Condemned MOTHER AND GIRL GRIEVE FOR A TRAITOR

PARIS. FRANCE'S "most tragic women"—a grey-haired grandmother and her young grand-daughter—have been driven temporarily to renounce the world through the shame of a Frenchman's treason.

LETTERS

'Erbert' Iggs Again

To The Editor,

The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear mister editor,—ave you noticed the gals skirts getting shorter.

coriovdudck all an me went durn the races the uvver day an all the gals was sittin on them steps—but as I was sayin fashions are changing which reminds me about all an me in our civies

all said we orter wear ties wiv the coloured shirts we got to go inter the honkong otel so we got some at a Japanese shop in wanchai (pure silk six for a buck) they looked a little bit of orlight when we put em on we both had the same colour sort of blue and yellor wiv a bit of pink

the necks time we goes out we goes to the peninsula to have a decko at the painting in the cocktail bar we only just got in when up jumps a bloke an sez well well a couple of old boys and he shoves me an all darn on a sofa and as all the blinking chinls dashing abart fillin us up wiv beer an givng us plates a chipped spuds and askin us wewver we ad a good game

mister editor berlieve me or berlieve me not it was 2 a.m. befor all and me found out the bloke therd we were a couple of old callthumpins becos we had the old school tie on

"an wot was wurst when we come out of the peninsula all an me followed a gal all the way along nathan road befor we found out she was a seaforth highlander

she do the gals leave off clothes when it gets it in honkong mister editor I think all and me is going to like it ere

yores trewly

"ERBERT" IGGS

ps did you ere wot the sgimjor said about is buttons at the signal kor dinner—outside the elena may too.

Answers To Correspondents

M. W.—"Neither—nor" compulsory, but we were correct, according to modern usage, in using "no-or."

Ed.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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dear mister editor,—ave you noticed the gals skirts getting shorter.

coriovdudck all an me went durn the races the uvver day an all the gals was sittin on them steps—but as I was sayin fashions are changing which reminds me about all an me in our civies

all said we orter wear ties wiv the coloured shirts we got to go inter the honkong otel so we got some at a Japanese shop in wanchai (pure silk six for a buck) they looked a little bit of orlight when we put em on we both had the same colour sort of blue and yellor wiv a bit of pink

the necks time we goes out we goes to the peninsula to have a decko at the painting in the cocktail bar we only just got in when up jumps a bloke an sez well well a couple of old boys and he shoves me an all darn on a sofa and as all the blinking chinls dashing abart fillin us up wiv beer an givng us plates a chipped spuds and askin us wewver we ad a good game

mister editor berlieve me or berlieve me not it was 2 a.m. befor all and me found out the bloke therd we were a couple of old callthumpins becos we had the old school tie on

"an wot was wurst when we come out of the peninsula all an me followed a gal all the way along nathan road befor we found out she was a seaforth highlander

she do the gals leave off clothes when it gets it in honkong mister editor I think all and me is going to like it ere

yores trewly

"ERBERT" IGGS

ps did you ere wot the sgimjor said about is buttons at the signal kor dinner—outside the elena may too.

Answers To Correspondents

M. W.—"Neither—nor" compulsory, but we were correct, according to modern usage, in using "no-or."

Ed.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £203½ n.

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Chartered £203½ n.

Mercantile & A. & B. £203½ n.

Mercantile, C. & £203½ n.

East Asia £203½ n.

INSURANCES

Canton £230 n.

Union £230 n.

China Underwriters £230 n.

H.K. Fire £230 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases & X. d. £145 n.

Steamboats £145 n.

Indo-China P. £145 n.

Indo-China D.S. £145

MAGAZINE PAGE

FAMILY QUIZ

Over-40 Quiz

—for mother and father

1. To whom were you referring when, in your dashing youth, you spoke of (a) "The White-Eyed Kaffir," (b) "The Swedish Nightingale," (c) "The Jersey Lily," (d) "Vesta Tilley," (e) "Little Tich," (f) "The great little Dan"? (2 marks each)
2. Fill in the following line of these venerable old songs:—
(a) "In the shade of the old apple tree"
(b) "Come, come, come and make eyes at me"
(c) "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do"
(d) "I can't get away to marry you to-day"
(e) "I'm Burlington Bertie, I rise at ten-thirty"
(1 mark each)
3. Up the Savoyards! In which Gilbert and Sullivan operas do you meet:—(a) Jack Point, (b) Nanki-Poo, (c) Sir Despard Murgatroyd, (d) Reginald Bunthorne, (e) Kari Toller, (f) The Duke of Plaza-Toro, (g) Dick Deadeye. (1 mark each)
4. Who made the following plays famous:—(a) "The Bells," (b) "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," (c) "The Man from Blankley's," (d) "The Scarlet Pimpernel," (e) "The Only Way," (f) "Mr. Wu," (g) "Grumpy." (1 mark each)
5. All these books were popular when you were young. Who wrote them? (a) "The Manxman," (b) "Flames," (c) "The Last Days of Pompeii," (d) "The Mighty Atom," (e) "Three weeks," (f) "Children of the Ghetto," (g) "The Daisy Chain," (h) "The White Company." (1 mark each)
6. Who was Prime Minister when Queen Victoria died? (5 marks)
7. Describe these Edwardian and Victorian terms: (a) Masher, (b) tiger, (c) phanton, (d) diabolo, (e) penny-farthing, (f) Jimmie O'Goblin. (1 mark each)

Possible top score = 50. Answers at foot of Column One.

Sophisticated Quiz

—for George and Sue

1. If you ordered the following in a restaurant, what would you expect? (a) Bouillabaisse, (b) Dog's nose, (c) Bourbon, (d) Bombay Duck, (e) Borisch, (f) Zabaiglon, (g) Red Biddy, (h) Prairie Oyster. (1 mark each)
2. Still harping on food, for what are the following places famous? (a) Bath, (b) Aylesbury, (c) Richmond, (d) Banbury, (e) Yarmouth. (1 mark each)
3. In each of the following cases one of the Christian names is wrong:—(a) Edgar Arthur Poe, (b) Franklin Daniel Roosevelt, (c) Patrick Byshe Shelley, (d) David Gabriel Rossetti, (e) Johann Serge Bach. (1 mark each)
4. Maddeningly, I have removed the vowels from the following famous quotations and proverbs. Put them back. (a) THINGFBTYSJYFRVR, (b) STCHNTMSVNN, (c) RSBYNYTHRNWLDSSMLSSV, (d) THQTYMRCYSYNTSTRND, (e) LTHWRLDSSTG. (1 mark each)
5. These names made front page news recently. Identify them. (a) Captain Dahl, (b) Miss Polly Eder, (c) James Hall, (d) Wing-Commander William Ernest Station, (e) Professor Haludan Kohl. (1 mark each)
6. From American books and films you should know the meanings of (a) Barbicue, (b) Hobo, (c) Interne, (d) Sophomore, (e) Campus, (f) Pavement, (g) Depot, (h) Side-walk, (i) Truck. (1 mark each)
7. All these can be answered by the name of a tree: (a) The village gossip, (b) A churchman, (c) The man I'm writing for, (d) It flies when we're angry, (e) The cardsharp who has a sick one, (f) You and your wife. (1 mark each)
8. Who said: (a) "Genius is 10 per cent. inspiration and 90 per cent. perspiration," (b) "Let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die," (c) "Trust in God and keep your powder dry," (d) "Yet each man kills the thing he loves," (e) "And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke," (f) "Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink," (g) "Go west, young man!" (1 mark each)

Possible top score = 50. Answers at foot of Column Two.

Under-14 Quiz

—for the twins

1. Who were "and Co." in Rudyard Kipling's "Stalky and Co."? (5 marks)
2. What are the names of the record-breaking cars driven by (a) Campbell, (b) Kaye Don, (c) Eyston? (1 mark each)
3. Give the names of Snow-White's Seven Dwarfs. (1 mark each)
4. Edith Cavell was (a) an actress, (b) an explorer, (c) a nurse, (d) a poetess. (2 marks)
5. What was the name of the submarine which crept through the German minefields and torpedoed German ships? (5 marks)
6. Which three British ships fought in the Graf Spee battle? (1 mark each)
7. What is Uncle Mac's real name? (2 marks)
8. Who acted as assistant to (a) Sherlock Holmes, (b) Sexton Blake? (2 marks each)
9. What is the name of Western film star Gene Autry's horse? (2 marks)
10. In which nursery rhymes do these lines occur:—(a) "He's under the haycock, fast asleep," (b) "Your house is on fire, and your children all gone," (c) "To tie up my bonnie brown hair," (d) "There I met an old man who wouldn't say his prayers," (e) "Pig was eat, and Tom was beat," (f) "This is the way we wash our clothes," (g) "I frightened a little mouse under the chair"? (1 mark each)
11. Give (a) the author and (b) the hero of "The Last of the Mohicans." (2 marks each)
12. Who were the three sisters in "Little Women"? (2 marks each)

Possible top score = 50. Answers at foot of Column Three.

Amateur Sleuths

—Step Forward

PRAY silence, guests and playmates, for Mr. Percy Hoskins—portly, rubicund, hoarse-voiced Crime Reporter.

For a few moments only Mr. Hoskins has removed his nose from the crime trail to write these (to him) elementary problems:—

1. Sir Bernard Spillbury, Home Office pathologist, was once called to a military camp where Private X had been found shot dead. Private X, a six-foot Highlander, was lying in a camp bed, a rifle had partly fallen from the bed, the barrel on the floor as if it had fallen after the discharge, the butt still resting on the bed. X was partly undressed and covered up to the shoulders with blankets.

A bullet had entered the base of the neck severing the spinal cord to the brain, causing instantaneous death. The position of the exit wound and the position at which

the bullet embedded itself in the wall all indicated suicide. WAS IT?

2. P. C. JONES is going out on night patrol duty in Kowloon. Which of the following articles does he take with him?

1. Whistle; 2. truncheon; 3. handcuffs; 4. notebook; 5. torch. Answers in Column Four.

What Would You Do With Hitler?

WE'RE playing this a lot lately. We imagine we have Hitler as our prisoner—then we think up what we'd do with him.

We don't allow silly suggestions like Chinese tortures or boiling oil, but we do pass such proposals as setting him to ball out the bath with a thimble, or making him copy out "Mein Kampf" backwards, or forcing him to sit through "The Merry Widow" every night for five years.

So, adhering to these rules—WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH HITLER?

3 records by a radio star

If you're having any fun with this page make a good job of it this Saturday and try out to-night's air star, Jack Warner, singing "Are You Having Any Fun?" for Parlophone. On the other side is a vintage Warner number, "The Bunker Up of Rat Holes." There is only one better Warner song I know, which is "Railway Lanes" (Railway Lines). You could buy that, too.

If it's sweet singing you fancy, try Little Celia Lipton (daughter of band-leader Lipton) at work on the two best "Babes in Arms" numbers—"Good Morning" and "Where or When" (Columbia).

If it's band, I can't suggest better than the combination of Carroll Gibbons and Irving Berlin in "It's a Lovely Day To-morrow" (Columbia). P. H.

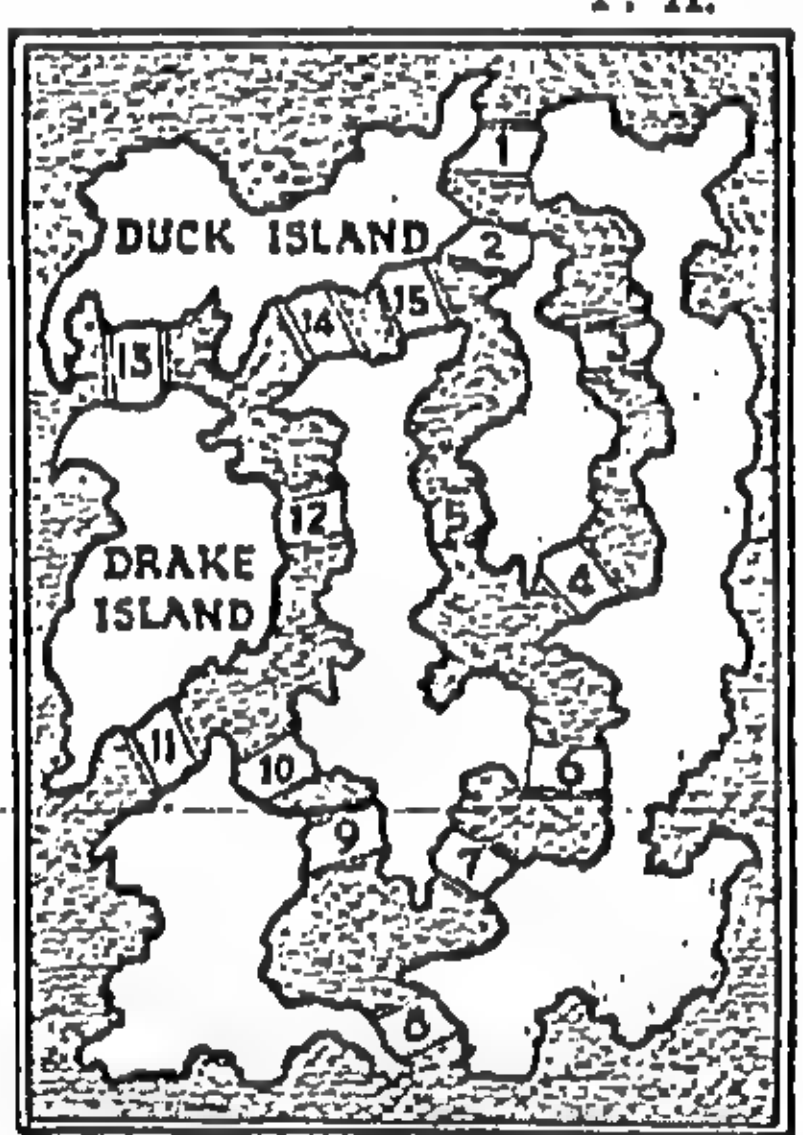
Picture Puzzle

SIX islands, connected by bridges—and you have to get from Duck Island to Drake Island in accordance with these rules. Your final crossing must be across bridge 13; you must set foot upon every island; you must cross each bridge once only.

What route would you take?

ANSWERS

HOSKINS'S PROBLEMS.—1. It was murder. The first question Sir Bernard asked himself was: "If death is instantaneous, who covered him up?"—2. He does not take handcuffs. They are used only for escorting prisoners. PUZZLE PICTURE.—1, 3, 2, 15, 6, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 13.



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R. A. CAMIDGE, Manager.

was occupied, that there was no intention of reducing the ration.

Margarine, Eggs Unrationed

Margarine is not rationed and there is no intention of rationing it.

Eggs, which are at present cheaper than they have been for some time past, are unrationed and there is no intention to ration them.

Since April 9, pork has been free of ration.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

Over 40's

1. (a) G. H. Chirgwin, (b) Jenny Lind, (c) Lily Langtry, (d) Lady de Frece, (e) Harry Repp, (f) Dan Leno.
2. (a) "When the love in your eyes I could see," (b) "Down at the Old Bull and Bush," (c) "I'm half crazy, all for the love of you," (d) "My wife won't let me," (e) "And summer along like a loon," (f) "The Yodel of the Gourd," (g) "The Mikado," (h) "Rudolf," (i) "Patience," (j) "The Gondoliers," (k) "H.M.S. Pinnfore," (l) "The Man from Blankley's," (m) "The Scarlet Pimpernel," (n) "The Only Way," (o) "Mr. Wu," (p) "Grumpy." (1 mark each)
3. (a) Edgar Allan, (b) Frank-lyn Delano, (c) Percy Bysshe, (d) Dante Gabriel, (e) Johann Sebastian.
4. (a) A thing of beauty is a joy for ever, (b) A stitch in time saves nine, (c) A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, (d) The quality of mercy is not strained, (e) All the world's a stage, (f) Master of the Altmare, (g) English woman released from German prison, (h) Escaped Dartmoor convict, (i) Flying ace awarded D.S.O., (j) Norwegian Foreign Minister.
5. (a) Open-air ox-roasting, (b) Tramp, (c) Hospital student, (d) Second year student, (e) Quadrangle, (f) Roadway, (g) Railway station, (h) Pavement, (i) Lorry.
6. (a) Medlar, (b) elder, (c) yew, (d) Dr. (e) palm, (f) pear, (g) (h) Thomas, (i) Oscar, (j) Wilde, (k) Cromwell, (l) Queen, (m) Kipling, (n) Coleridge, (o) Horace Greeley.

Under 14's

1. Beetle and McTurk, 2. (a) Bluebird, (b) Silver Bullet, (c) Thunderbolt, 3. Bashful, Dopey, Sleepy, Grumpy, Happy, Doc, Sneezy, 4. A nurse, 5. The Ursula, 6. Ajax, Exeter, Achilles, 7. Derek McCulloch, 8. (a) Dr. Watson, (b) Tinker, 9. Champion, 10. (a) Little Boy Blue, (b) Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home, (c) Oh dear, what can the matter be? (d) Goosey, Goosey gander, (e) Tom, Tom the piper's son, (f) Here we go round the mulberry bush, (g) Fussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been? 11. (a) Fenimore Cooper, (b) Natty Bumppo, 12. Jo, Beth, and Amy.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Kenneth Duncan Bruce, aged 24, attached to a British warship now in port, appeared before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's this morning charged with the manslaughter of Lam Shing-chi.

The charge arose out of fatal injuries sustained by Lam in a traffic accident when he was struck by a car in Hennessy Road on April 4. Bruce was remanded until to-morrow afternoon when the case will be heard. He was allowed bail of \$100. Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders is in charge of the case.

city blocks were destroyed and the damage has not been estimated. Looting and rioting which started with the fire was brought to a halt by military patrols.

FOOD SHORTAGE LIE SCOTCHED

Britain's Abundance Of Necessities

LONDON, Apr. 14, (British Wire- less).—Currency has been given in the Italian Press to a report that owing to the German invasion of Norway and the occupation of Denmark, there is a grave shortage of food in Britain.

It was added that it had become necessary immediately to ration butter, eggs and margarine. The facts are that the butter ration was increased about a fortnight ago to eight ounces a week per person, and as already announced, it was officially stated immediately after Denmark

Six People Die In City Blaze

PANAMA CITY, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—Six people are reported to have been burned to death and 10,000 rendered homeless as a result of disastrous fires in the town of Colon last night.

The entire civilian and military fire fighting forces on both sides of the isthmus were mobilised to fight the flames.

United States troops blew up buildings in an attempt to save valuable properties.

Fire Under Control

MANILA, Apr. 14 (UP).—Colon officials stated that the fire was completely controlled at midnight. Approximately 10,000 are homeless and 38 wounded, the number of dead being unknown. Twenty-five

RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 31.49 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)
Studio Saxophone Recital
By Palapo

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Dance Music by The Krakajak and Henry King and His Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Robinson Cleaver (Organ) with Patricia Rossborough (Piano),—Fransquita Serenade, Robinson Cleaver (Organ); That Certain Age—Selection, Carefree—Selection, Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano); Musical Sweethearts—Medley, Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

1.10 Songs by Raymond Newell (Baritone).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Schubert—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 29.—Kolsch Quartet.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children,"—Rag Doll, New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.

Studio—Story for Tiny Tots by Aunt Susan; Medley of Songs from Shirley Temple Pictures, Mae Questel (the Betty Boop Girl) with Orchestra; Studio—First installment of new serial by Aunt Susan; Cuckoo in the Clock, (The Merry Macs Vocal) with Instrumental accompaniment; Swance River, Frank Luther and The Lyn Murray Quartette.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations, 6.32 Vocal Gems and Selections from "The Student Prince," "The Beggar's Opera," and "The Chocolate Soldier."

7.0 Studio—Talk on "Ballet" illustrated by records.

7.30 London Relay—The News, 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo with Nura Kanis at the Piano.—Sonata No. 3; 2 Andante; 3 Rondo.

8.27 London Palladium Orchestra with Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.0 Military Band Music.—1812 Overture, The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Wartime March Medley, The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay "Under Nazi Rule."

9.45 Grand Variety Programme.—11.0 Close down.

JAPANESE THREAT

Warning To Be Issued To Third Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, April 15 (UP).—The Japanese Government is closely watching the situation in Europe.

Authoritative sources declare that Japan is concerned over reports that the Netherlands may become concerned.

The Government is planning representations to other Powers, declaring that Japan will not welcome any extension of hostilities to the western Pacific, and that she is prepared to take counter-measures if her representations are disregarded.

The Government's warning will be conveyed either through the Foreign Office or through Japan's diplomatic representatives abroad.

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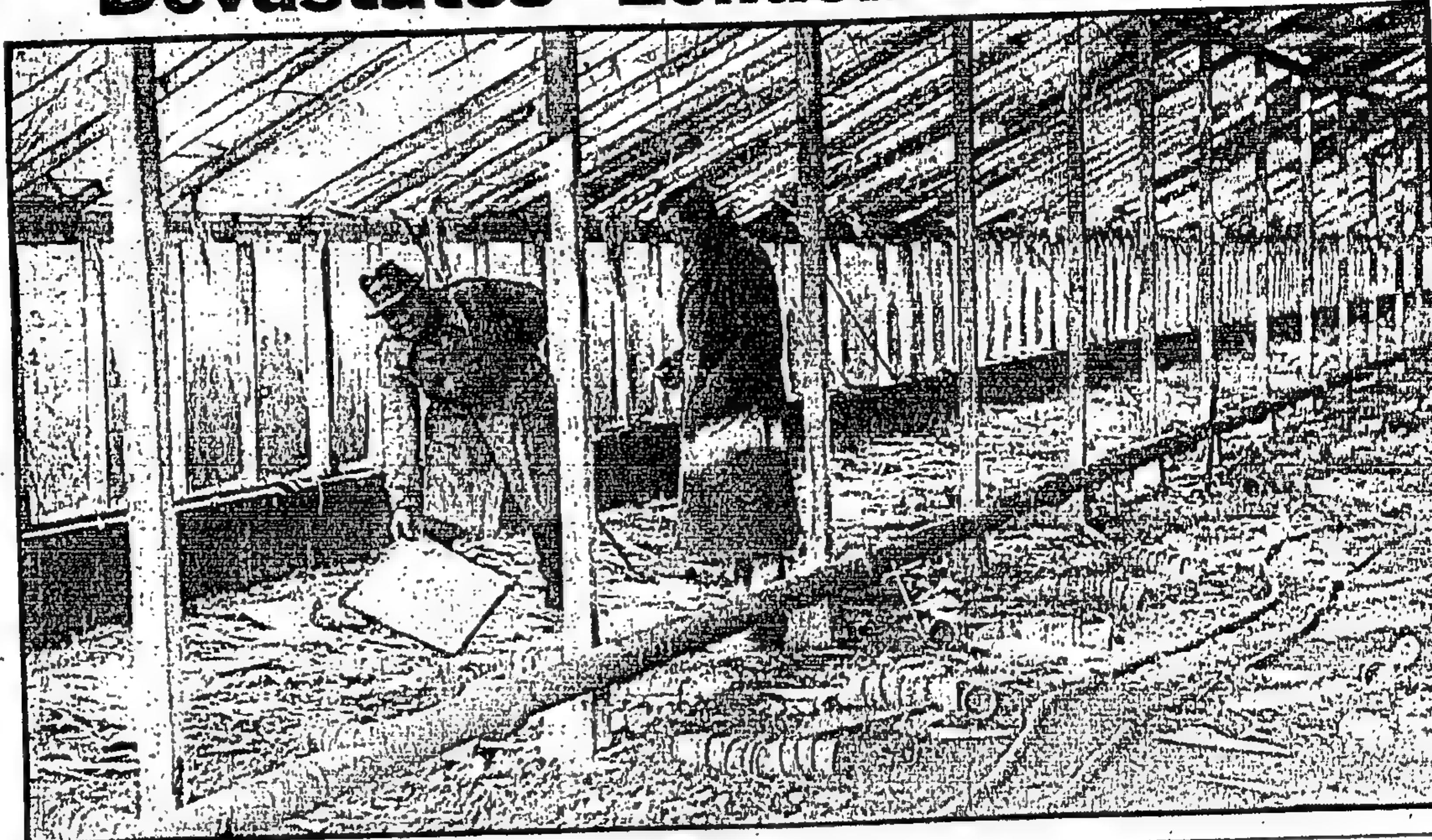
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Nitro-Glycerine Explosion Devastates London Outskirts



MILES OF HOUSES, works and green-houses were rocked, smashed and made windowless by the nitroglycerine explosion at the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Above (left) you see one of the injured men being taken from the Royal factory, and above is a view of nearby greenhouses in which 5,000 panes of glass were shattered by the blast of air which followed the explosions.



(Left) Policemen held up everybody who wanted to go near the scene of the explosion. (Above) A platoon of soldiers marching to the factory to form a guard.

GAOL, £500 FINE, FOR RACKETEERS

WAR contracts racketeers are likely soon to face the penalty of two years' imprisonment and a £500 fine.

The exact method of stopping this war-time scandal is now being considered by the Government. An early announcement is expected.

The Ministry have warned firms not to listen to intermediaries who think that they have a special pull in Government departments. Commissions for introductions are definitely frowned at by the Government.

There are still people who think that they possess a particular and irresistible line of approach. They are about to receive a rude shock.



WOMAN'S FATHER WENT TO GENERAL ABOUT MAJOR

AS the jury left the box after a libel case at Chester Assizes, one member asked Mr. Justice Stable what were the Seventh and Tenth Commandments.

The Judge replied that, subject to correction, he believed they were "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife."

Mrs. Blanche Agnes Gristwood (70), of Sandon Road, Newton, Chester, and Miss Greta Marion Stewart (22), a typist, of Kingsway, Newton, had been found guilty and bound over on three charges of publishing defamatory libels concerning Major Bernard Coombs, whose address by direction of the judge was not disclosed.

On Postcards

The libels, according to the prosecution, were on postcards addressed to the major at his mess.

The first dated on or about September 20, 1939, read: "To which woman will you assign your Army allowance. To your wife, to your mistress near the camp, or to the mistress left in Chester?"

The second postcard, dated October 16, said: "Seventh and Tenth Commandments. Ever ready."

A third dated November 14 read: "A fellow is pretty low who comes between what might be a happy couple, especially when they have a baby. I wish it could be understood that men who get women into trouble don't make honest women of them if they marry them. The whole thing is luffe."

Mr. J. B. Eldon (prosecuting) said that Mrs. Gristwood had a daughter, Mrs. Judith Lucy, Shone, who was married, and a mother.

Mrs. Shone had known the major for a number of years. He served in the last war and married in 1915. Many years ago he and his wife parted.

In 1939 Mrs. Shone and the major went away together. In February of last year Mrs. Shone left him and returned to her husband, but who was now living with the major again.

Major Coombs, replying to Mr. Bertram Reece (for Mrs. Gristwood) said his wife was 15 years older than he and they parted after continuous quarrels.

He declared he first met Mrs. Shone innocently in 1925.

General Sympathetic

Frank Gristwood, father of Mrs. Shone, said Major Coombs refused to see him, so he got in touch with the general officer-in-chief commanding the Western Command.

The General, stated Mr. Gristwood, was very sympathetic and said that it was a matter regarding discipline in the Army.

He instructed Colonel Brown, the Officer Commanding Major Coombs, to see Coombs.

Mr. J. Jones Roberts (for Miss Stewart) said that she had been in-different.

The jury found Miss Stewart, who typed the postcards, guilty, but in-different and Mrs. Gristwood guilty under provocation. Binding them over the judge ordered Mrs. Gristwood to pay £25 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Chief Wrens' Pay Up £3

BIG increases in pay are announced for most officers in the Women's Royal Naval Service. A Chief Officer in the Mobile Section now receives £350 a year instead of £200.

Pay for Wren privates in the General Mobile Section will be reduced 8d. a week, but they will be accommodated either in quarters or in approved lodgings and will draw naval victuals in kind or appropriate allowances.

Lilian Harvey Escapes Nazis

REPORTS that Lilian Harvey, London-born film actress who became Germany's most popular star, has been interned in Germany are untrue. She is safe in France.

Mrs. Walter Harvey, her sister-in-law, who lives in Edgware, says: "The latest news we had is that she is staying at her villa at Juan-les-Pins."

RUGBY HAS NEW SPORT

TWO hundred boys of Rugby School have discovered a new sport—they are knitting comforts for the Forces.

Some have become proficient enough to knit pullovers, but they have not yet all solved the mystery of the extra stitches that keep appearing.

Claire Luce, the American film actress, who raised funds in London for a mobile canteen for men passing through Rugby, performed the opening ceremony at Rugby, and afterwards appealed for funds from the stage of a local cinema.

Divorce Suit Lasts 15 Years

NEW YORK. THERE has ended in America a divorce suit which began fifteen years ago.

It was begun by the husband, Willey Hitchcock, school teacher, of Chicago.

And it was contested by his wife, Winifred, also a school teacher, to whom he had then been married ten years.

Ever since their battle has gone on—before thirty judges sitting in six different courts.

Willey Hitchcock was granted his divorce—because his wife—

Put sand in his shaving cream; Destroyed his lecture notes; Soaked his clothes in water;

Shut off the heat in his bedroom; Destroyed his bed-clothes; Hit him with a brass candle-stick; and

Beat him while he slept.

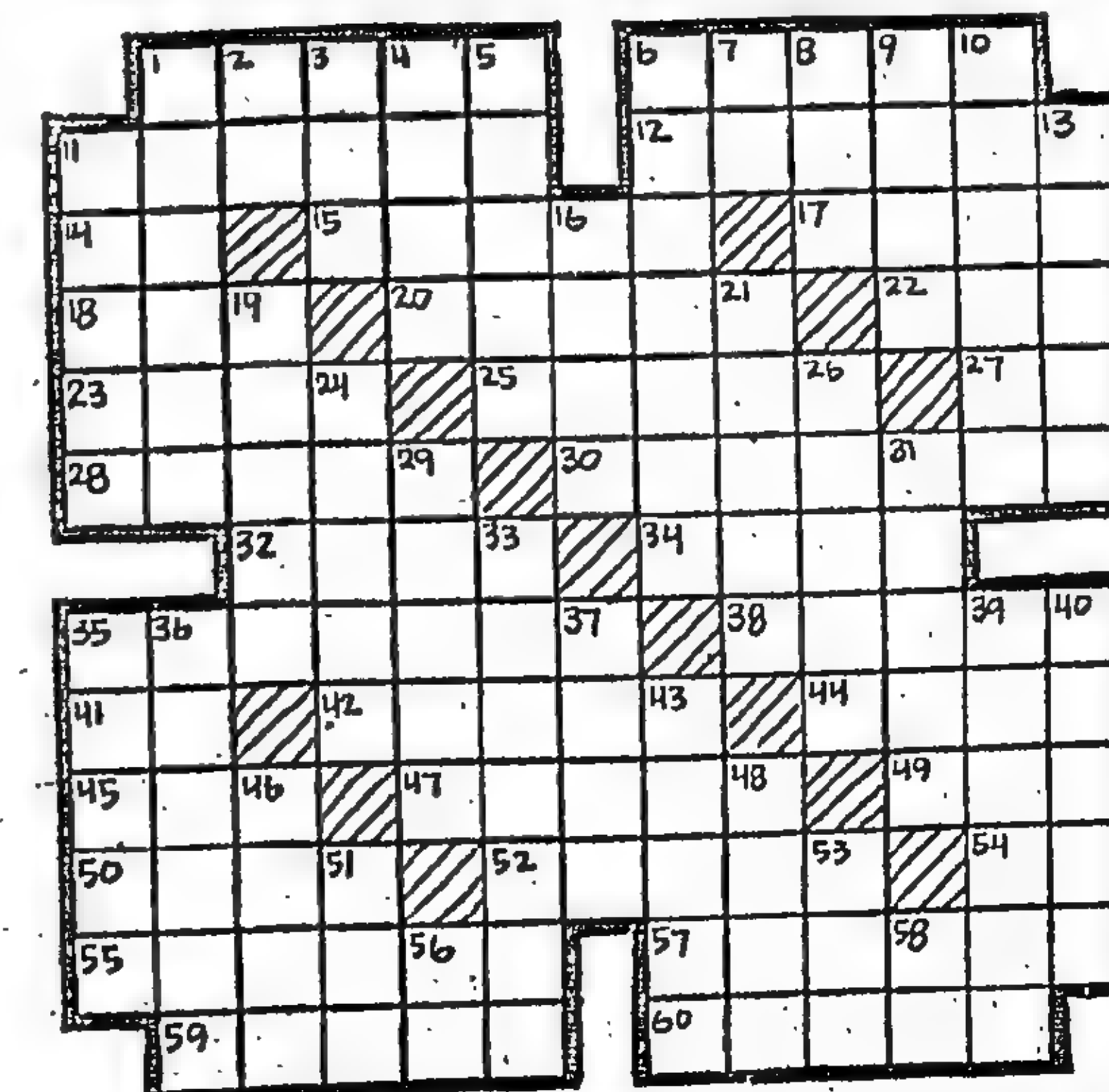
METROPOLE HOTEL
CENTRAL - CLEAN
COMFORTABLE - FIREPROOF

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Exercise direction over
2—Riding part of vehicle
3—Went without food
4—Joined at just recompane
5—In the morning (abbr.)
6—Shoot at long range from cover
7—Abrupt border
8—Evil spirit
9—Drinks from motion
10—To rest
11—boat (col.)
12—Former Roman emperor
13—Mother
14—Whirl
15—Stomach of ox
16—Kind of food-shab
17—Nothing at all
18—Breathing organ of fish
19—Part in breast-bone
20—Legal claim on property
21—Overwhelming sorrow
22—Airplane (col.)
23—Chinese unit of weight
24—Viper
25—Narrow openings
26—Philippine peasant

DOWN
1—Old woman (col.)
2—First person plural
3—That thing's
4—Manages publication of
5—Exclamation
6—Before
7—Alma
8—Plant of bean family
9—Swon
10—Fragile
11—Leaves forth suddenly
12—Various acquisition
13—Slow-moving animal
14—Musical stage
15—Production
16—Riced into parts
17—Sea-eater
18—Fold in garment
19—Dullest for art
20—Line of cut grass
21—Threw into disorder
22—Weaving device
23—Came close
24—Type of sailing vessel
25—Agitated
26—Young salmon
27—Part of stairs
28—Point of compass
29—Within scope of
30—Turbulent



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ALGERIANS ROUT NAZIS

Ambush Patrol In No-Man's-Land

LONDON, Apr. 14 ("Router's" Special Correspondent with the French Army).—When a 50-strong German patrol entered a village in No Man's Land, they provided a reward for 20 Algerian sharpshooters who had lain out in the fields waiting for marauders for five successive nights.

A German officer fell victim to the first rifle crack. This apparently discouraged his men, who were routed. Seven took refuge in a loft but surrendered when the Algerians entered the village at dawn.

Other Attacks Repulsed

PARIS, Apr. 14. (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that on several points of the front west of the Vosges the enemy infantry units, supported by artillery, tried to force our lines.

They were repulsed and suffered losses.

Nazi Communique

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—The Nazi High Command issues the following communique:

"There has been lively artillery and shock troop activity at some points. Two detachments of our shock troops penetrated the enemy position at dawn and fought several kilometres across the frontier south-west of Metz.

"They annihilated an enemy force, destroyed four dugouts and returned with prisoners.

"South-west of Saarbrücken, on French territory, one detachment of our shock troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took prisoners.

"Shock troop action and heavy artillery action by the enemy south of Zweibrücken was not successful. "On the Upper Rhine front in the region of Irtel, scout troops crossed the Rhine and penetrated into the enemy outposts on an island in the Rhine."

Break-Through Effort Fails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

PARIS, April 14 (UP).—Military observers agree that the Germans made an unprecedented effort to crush the advance posts of the Maginot Line to-day.

But all heavy German thrusts have been repulsed.

The climax came with a German attack along a mile front in the sector east of the Moselle River.

Nazi heavy artillery and patrols routed French advance posts before the big guns of the Maginot Line forced the Germans back with heavy losses.

BLOCKADE COMPLETE

British Mine Entire German Coastline

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—

The Admiralty has announced that the Allies have completed the mine blockade of the whole German coastline.

This has been achieved by extending the minefield into the Baltic which has heretofore been regarded by Germany as her private sea.

Kattegat A Mass Of Mines

The minefield includes all the Kattegat which was not previously mined, plus all the Baltic south of the Kattegat in the west and south of a line drawn from the southernmost part of Sweden to the Prussian border in the east.

However, the Admiralty emphasised that the mines have not been laid in Swedish territorial waters.

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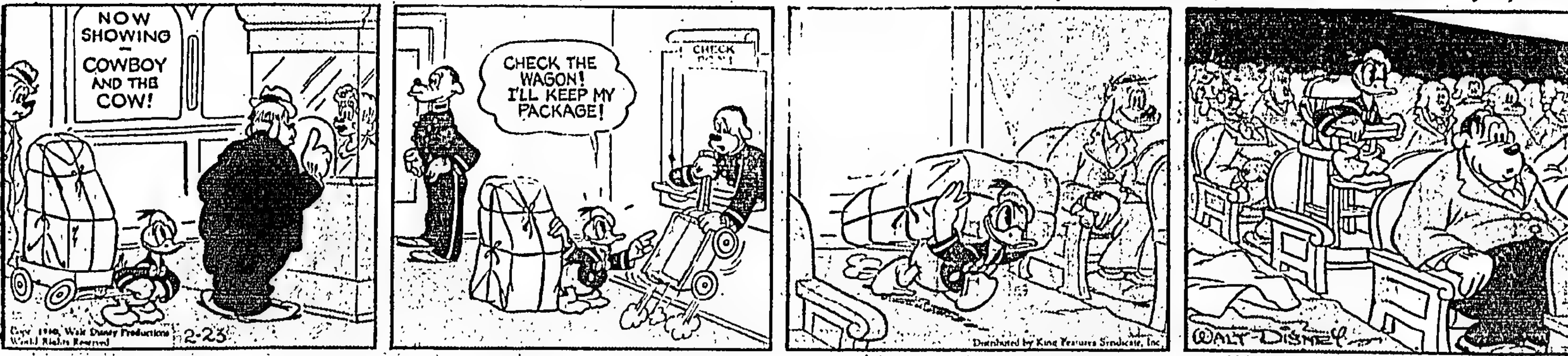
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Two Wireless Traitors Condemned

PARIS. PAUL FERDONNET and Andre Obrecht, accused as traitors because of their broadcasts over the Stuttgart Radio, have been sentenced to death by a French military court.

"For a handful of gold they have sold their honour," said the prosecutor.

"For it they have dragged the good name of our homeland in the mud. Only their blood can wipe out their crimes."

Should the accused men now appear in France or be captured they will be shot as traitors.

The beating of drums and the sound of trumpets in the courtyard before the judges assembled summoned the accused to appear.

Their failure to answer was the moment when they became rebels against the State.

Witnesses told of Ferdonnet's long career as an agent in Paris of the Nazis.

STAR FINDS BABY DEAD

THE eleven-month-old son of Dick Merrill, U.S. airman who twice flew the Atlantic both ways, and former film actress, Toby Wing, was found strangled in his cot at their New York home.

A fold of the baby's sleeping suit had become entangled round his neck, says British United Press.

Merrill, a chief pilot in one of America's air forces, served in the British Royal Naval Air Service during the last war.

His first Atlantic trip was with Broadway singer Harry Richman, in September, 1936.

Coronation Films

They intended to land at Croydon in their converted passenger plane, the wings of which were packed with ping-pong balls for buoyancy, but they lost their way in bad weather, ran short of petrol and landed in Wales.

On the return trip they crashed in a bog in Newfoundland, but were uninjured.

The following May Merrill set off again with Jack Lambie as copilot to fetch films of the Coronation.

He and Toby Wing were married secretly in 1938. Mrs. Merrill, a striking blonde, is twenty-one.

KEPT DIARY OF LAST HOUR

A DIARY of his last hour lay near a Red Indian, Yuda Sundown, aged twenty-seven, when he was found shot dead in his brother-in-law's home at Buffalo, New York, with a rifle beside him.

His "death diary" read: "The gun is pointed at my heart. Time is now 11.15 a.m. I do not feel nervous but I am happy."

"Eleven thirty-seven and all is well. I have always been a writer and have written a lot of stories, and I intend to keep on writing until my finger pulls the trigger of this gun."

"Eleven forty-two. A dog barked and I looked out to see who it is. Time is near. I hear a noise. I hope no one don't come in now until 11.45."

"Eleven forty-three and one half. Ah, life is so short."

"It is now 11.45 and I can't pull the trigger. Someone is shooting at the present out in the cornfield. Too bad I'm not a bird."

"Clock stopped at 12.13 p.m. I just started it again. I hope it stops at 12.15."

"It's 12.15 now. There's the postman. I'll have to wait."

"An awful feeling when the time comes for you to plug yourself. I can't pull this trigger."

"Any moment now I'll pull."

EVERY one of the 1,000 or so householders in Higham Ferrers, Northants, found a 5s. postal order in his letter-box.

Every Higham Ferrers soldier and sailor and airman on active service received one also.

It was all because of that Toseland girl. Only 16, she was.

She used to fetch materials from the boot factory at Kettering where young Alfred Sudborough was an operative.

Jolly bonny girl, she was, and Alfred was a well set-up likeable fellow of 20.

The neighbours saw it coming, of course. It was no surprise to them when Miss Toseland became Mrs. Sudborough when she was still short of sweet seventeen.

That was on February 2, 1890. Just 50 years ago. Hence the Golden Wedding postal orders.

For Alfred Sudborough didn't remain a boot operative. He set up as a manufacturer himself. In a very small way.

"I didn't worry. I knew the stuff he was made of," said Mrs. Sudborough recently.

She helped the new firm by doing some of the work at home, just as she had done when she was "that Toseland girl."

Glasses Raised

Later, when Mr. Sudborough used to make business journeys to Scotland, she always went with him—and the railway officials always put them in the honeymoon coach.

The firm grew. Now a hundred boot-workers draw their pay at the Sudborough factory every week.

In the largest hall in Higham Ferrers, there was a golden wedding party.

And as the Mayor proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Sudborough in the hall at 9 p.m., every guest there and every householder in every house in Higham Ferrers, raised his glass also.

Winner of Stork derby in London

FATHER of Canada's "Stork Derby" prize family, Mr. Arthur Hollis Timleck has arrived in England to see his son, serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Aldershot.

You remember the "Stork Derby"? Arthur Timleck's wife, Lucy Alice, shared with three other Canadian women an estate of 600,000 dollars (£120,000) left by Charles Vane Miller, wealthy lawyer with odd ideas, for the women who should have the most children between 1920 and 1930.

Arthur and Lucy increased their family by nine—to fourteen—in those years and won 150,000 dollars (£30,000).

Arthur, a ruddy-faced smiling giant, is going to see his nineteen-year-old William.

"I guess I'll lose no time at all," he said. "You might think that with ten boys and four girls we would not miss one so much. But that isn't so. No, sir. Bill's mother and I have missed him like he was our one and only."

"He won't be the last of our family to fight for the old Empire. My eldest boy Arthur—he is nearly twenty-two—is training in Canada now."

Mrs. Timleck did not come to England because she is too busy running her seventeen-roomed house, their shop, and their present family of fifteen.

I asked Mr. Timleck whether it was relief to get away from all the noise of a healthy family of fifteen.

"Noise," he asked in astonishment. "There's no noise in our family. Sir, you could come into our house at seven o'clock and not hear a sound. We've a quiet family. They all behave fine. Yes, sir."



PATIENT DESCRIBES 'FROZEN SLEEP' CURE

WHETHER the new "frozen sleep" treatment for cancer kills or cures is a question still debated by medical men.

But a woman patient in a New Jersey hospital describes the effect of two "freezings" in words that leave no doubt the treatment has given her relief and new hope.

So grave was her condition at the time that her doctors did not believe she could live out the month. Now, following the second treatment, she says she is without pain, and is beginning to hope. Her message to other cancer victims is:

"The feeling of hope that has come over me, since I was sure I would die, is something so marvellous I can't express it. I can only say to all other men and women who suffer from cancer—I say it from the bottom of my heart—please, please never give up all hope!"

All hope had been given up for "Mrs. B. L." when she was taken to the hospital last October from her home in North Bergen, N. J., at the suggestion of her family physician, Dr. Aloysius P. Riemann, of Jersey City.

A month before, cancer of the breast had spread to a lung. "Mrs. B. L." said:

"I thought it was no use. For days, I had sharp, terrible pains, like a knife cutting through my chest. I coughed all the time, and that made it worse."

"Mrs. B. L." went on to tell of the first "freezing" treatment, which left little impression, because she was so ill. At the time, a complete "freezing" apparatus was not available, and Dr. Riemann employed cracked ice and an air-conditioning machine. The results were encouraging, and, when time came for a second treatment, the latest apparatus was on hand.

This consists of a "freezing blanket" which is actually also a heating blanket. Looking rather like a corrugated sleeping bag, it contains hollow coils through which a refrigerant unit at the foot of the bed. But it also contains heating wires, so that the temperature of the patient can be speedily raised if the occasion demands. The bag thus has a range of temperature of from 20 degrees (12 be-

ROTARY MEETING

At to-morrow's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club Rotarian F. C. Young will speak on "The Romance of Rubber."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The Rev. R. N. Shuttle, a Portsmouth parson, has just given his reasons for separating the male and female worshippers in his church. "That it is an old custom, 2. That it diverts the attention of a man to sit behind a bonnet. 3. That women wear tight fitting dresses and scanty underclothing. 4. That men if seated near women will think of studies of the female figure. 5. That a girl if seated near young men will be tempted to do things that we cannot talk of. 6. That the Church knows nothing of family arrangements and cannot recognise the desire of a husband and wife to worship together."

The N.S.W. Minister for Lands estimates, say the Sydney Morning Herald, for the cost of rabbit fencing required for the Central and Western divisions of the colony, is £2,000,000 or a total of 2,000 miles of fencing. When we state that this is but a part of a contemplated expenditure which is regarded as necessary, it will be realised by our readers what a costly pest the rabbit has become. The attempt to exterminate him have already cost £700,000 with the result that it is acknowledged that the country on which this large sum was expended is now as badly infested as ever it was since these tiny troublesome enemies crossed the Southern border. The rabbit-proof fence is still in existence. (Ed.)

Our late piquant visitor, charming Miss Nellie Bly, the lady journalist, who put a giraffe round the earth, or rather a considerable portion of it, inside 80 days, without much complaint, is evidently a daisy. Two years ago, says a London writer, she feigned insanity and succeeded in being committed to an asylum in order to render her journalistic experiences sensational. She hinted that the doctors insulted her.

The charge was proved to be mistaken, but the article had served its purpose. Since this Miss Bly has followed her avocation, she has been working on one occasion she went to Central Park and made eyes at the passing men, until one responded to her advances. He made her acquaintance, suggested a drive which was accepted, proposed a visit to a questionable resort, which was accepted, offered refreshments in a private apartment, which were accepted, and then made proposals to her which she also accepted with scorn. She had secured material for a good sensational article, and also used it to her pecuniary profit.

Her next exploit was to advertise for the position of amanuensis. The language of her advertisement was equivocal: "I am a woman of the mass of letters received who selected those most useful for her purpose, and called on the writers. By this means she succeeded in bringing the conversation into the desired channel, and thus secured several more dramatic opportunities for rejecting proposals, which would have been made to a woman whose actions were in the open. From the mass of letters received she selected those most useful for her purpose, and called on the writers. By this means she succeeded in bringing the conversation into the desired channel, and thus secured several more dramatic opportunities for rejecting proposals, which would have been made to a woman whose actions were in the open. From the mass of letters received she selected those most useful for her purpose, and called on the writers. 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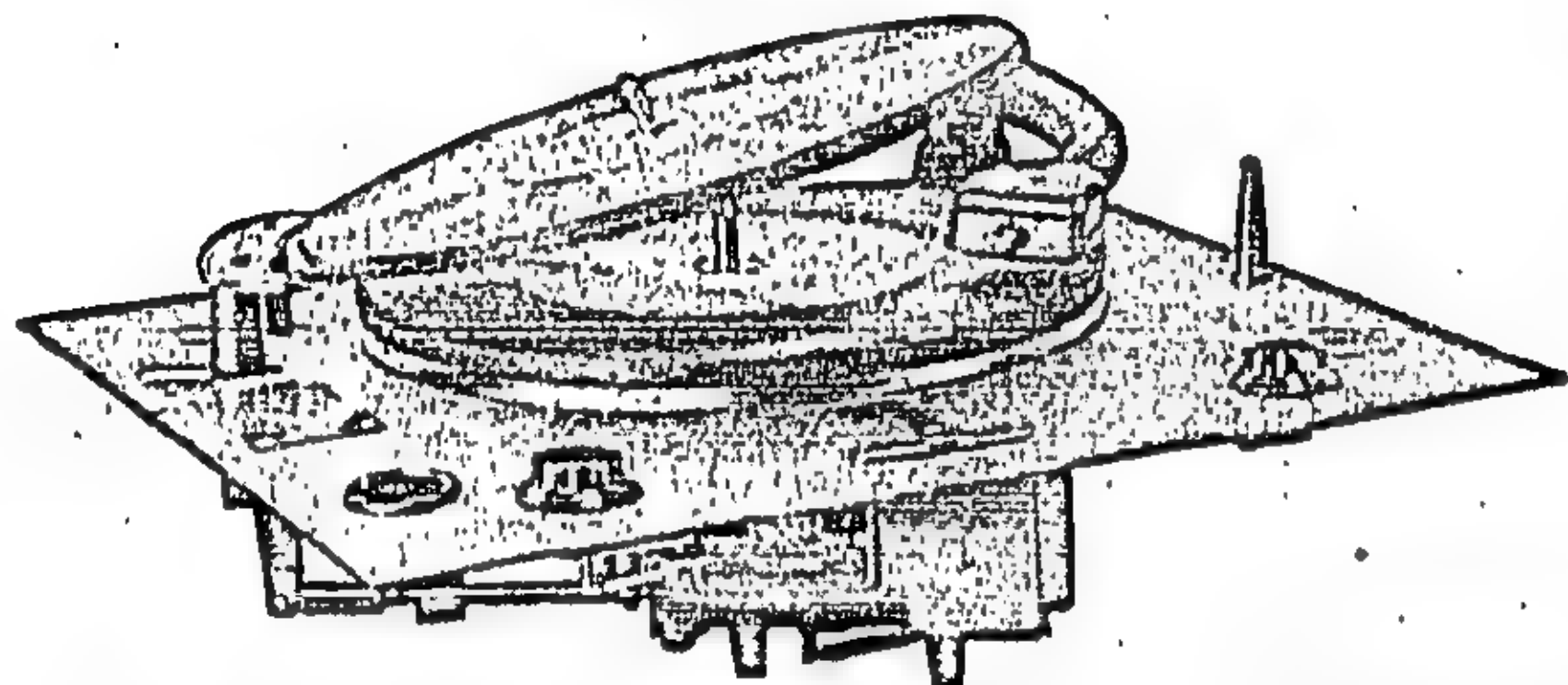
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Holland Looks To Her Moat

At the present moment Holland, a proclaimed neutral, whose foreign policy is resolutely pacific by conviction as well as by national interest, finds herself again face to face with the imminent threat of armed invasion. Holland has done nothing to provoke this threat. From the conflict of wills and interests which has culminated in the present War, she has stood severely aloof. She has not even expressed sympathy with one side or the other. Such a well-intentioned intervention could hardly excite resentment. It could not reasonably make a breach in that "traditional German friendship with Holland" which Hitler proclaimed in his Reichstag speech after the close of the Polish campaign. Yet today Holland sees German troops and engines of war again being massed on her frontier, and other indications, too plain to be misunderstood, that at any moment she may be exposed to the fate that recently befell Denmark.

In this situation we have a vivid illustration not only of the methods but of the meaning of Hitlerism for all Europe. The right of nations to live their own lives in peace and security is denied, if not by direct and violent assault, then by the menace of it—by the creation of a state of tension which quickly becomes intolerable in suspending or dislocating all the activities of the national life and economy. History proclaims how much human freedom owes to Dutch steadfastness and courage; and it is not to be doubted that the Dutch people will face their present ordeal with the same high qualities undimmed.

SWEDEN CLOSES THE GAPS

By GEORGE L. STEER

"Telegraph" Special Correspondent who has visited Sweden to study the danger of war in Scandinavia. In article by Mr. Steer on Sweden's defence problems appeared on Saturday.

If you drive out of Stockholm on a Sunday into the snow of the countryside you will see groups of Swedes in three-quarter length white sheepskin coats ski-ing through the trees. It is particularly impressive at night, under the lights of the field-sport patrols, when, perhaps, a group from a Swedish artillery regiment—great firm-limbed people with gentle, inexpressive faces—are leading the rest down the gliding kilometres. On the rifle-range there is the dull spurt of musketry; and the headlines of Social-Demokraten in the morning will have told you that the workers' party, which two years ago shivered at the sound of a gun, is now demanding that every worker should handle one.

North of Stockholm they are holding manoeuvres—on a modest scale, of course, which should alarm nobody—to meet a ghostly landing party with infantry and with 75 mm. and 40mm. A.A. guns.

Gen. Thorenell, commander-in-chief of Sweden's joint defence forces, has appealed to the Government to form a Civil Defence Corps, armed first with rifles and then with light machine guns, to protect Sweden's far-flung communications, on the model of the territorial guard of Finland. One notes an occasional warning in the Press that the Swedes should toughen themselves—with snowbaths (pictures of this Spartan custom are published), and by walking upstairs to their offices instead of taking the lift.

Sweden is preparing. She is all-Ing up the gaps in her defences as Britain did after Munich. But they are not the same gaps. In A.A. guns and in the natural power of her capital both to evacuate and to resist air attack she is proportionately better off than Britain at the end of 1939. Her anxiety is about her trained man-power and air-power. Sweden's peace-time army varies between 34,000 and 60,000 men, according to season. To-day, of course, it is larger, for certain reserve units are being called up. In war her military authorities calculate that they can put 400,000 men into the field.

Of Sweden's peace-time troops 9,000 belong to the permanent cadre. The annual contingent, therefore, varies between 16,000 and 41,000. A small army, one might say, for a nation of 6,000,000 which has not only compulsory military service but a military tradition. The explanation is Sweden's post-war history. She was separated by a strenuous, her only traditional enemy. She nourished hopes until 1936 of perpetual peace and universal disarmament. Her Government became progressively social-democratic and therefore pacifist.

She saved on equipment and money that might have paid for her full annual contingent of recruits. For some 10 years she did not summon the whole class to the Colours. Even to-day her period of training for the infantry is only 140 days in the year, and for the specialist arms no more than 200. Those figures compare badly with Finland's 12 months and 18 months. The longer one stays in Scandinavia the more one realises that Finland alone of the northern countries took her defence problem seriously.

COL. BRATT, Sweden's leading military expert, has laid his finger on this cardinal weakness in Sweden's defence system. Members of the Riksdag have tried, and are still trying, to remedy this weakness of the shortened military service period.

Concurrent with it is a certain antiquity of Swedish equipment, which can, of course, be more rapidly remedied. The army is not yet fitted for a war against modern motorised and mechanised forces, though its direction is qualitatively the superior of the Russian, and could easily beat the Russian if the armies fought with equal armaments.

How is Sweden improving her army? The answer is visible in the nights round Stockholm every day. She is quietly calling up reserves and giving them the training that will fit them for the first shock of war. The rest is being urged by every means conceivable—short of compulsion, which still seems to be a long way ahead—to learn to use a rifle. Eventually the various rifle clubs are bound to be co-ordinated into a national system in which every able-bodied man will participate.

The Swede is physically so sound, in spite of a long period of prosperity

which has fattened him a little, that it will not take long to turn him into a soldier again. How to train more officers rapidly is a different proposition; but even to-day the Swedish officer compares very favourably with the Russian.

Modernisation of equipment is being debated to-day in the Riksdag. A motion, for example, lies before the House for the mechanisation of the artillery, including the coastal artillery. Sweden, of course, has long made her own guns; to put them on wheels or tracks should not present her with grave difficulty.

My own belief is that, with her present war industry and her population's adaptability to modern machinery, she should be able to reconstruct her army quicker than the Russians after their disasters in Finland. She may even feel able, if they fumble much longer, to risk more volunteer life in the defence of Finland than she has done already.

It is simply because of her lack of trained reserves that Sweden has deliberately given no official countenance, far less an official shove, to the Finland volunteer campaign.

Sweden has no reason to feel the same anxiety as Britain about the safety of her civil population in time of war. Her A.A. guns are admirable and numerous. She will have to evacuate only 300,000 people—some 5 per cent. of her population—and the process will be simple, the mood no more than that of a Bank Holiday rush. She can dig shelters which will really protect the rest of her basic granite. Her A.R.P. preparations, in short, are well advanced.

It is the state of her own air force that really worries her. The Swedish air force is compared by Sweden to the Finnish as it was at the outbreak of the northern war. It lacks both uniformity and size, while certainly not lacking skill.

Sweden's latest defence programme allowed for a first-line force of about 250 planes by 1941. In detail, this consists to-day of seven groups, four of bombardment, two of military or naval co-operation and reconnaissance, and only one of fighters. The lack of balance here is self-evident, particularly since the Swedes began to talk of meeting a possible aerial invasion.

SWEDEN has attempted to construct her own aerial types, but these have not been outstandingly successful. She must still buy her first line from abroad. And that is not easy to-day, when the Great Powers are fighting each other in the factories for aerial supremacy and America seems remote and unwilling to sell except to the highest bidder. So Sweden's air force is still heterogeneous.

Perhaps she had planned it diplomatically. Many of her bombers are German, but her fighters are English. More subtly might be read into this choice than is justified. Who, one might ask, would be so silly as to buy from Germany with Junkers? And would it not be better to defend the air of Sweden with Gloucester Gladiators, whose powers are still mildly secret, than with Messerschmitts or Heinkels? The clue is probably more simple, however. The Gladiator's engine behaves incomparably well in Arctic conditions; so the others were bought in order to preserve the appearance of impartiality.

There are other types. But the weakness of Sweden's aviation is not so much variety as the smallness of the fighter contingent. A motion lies before a committee of the Riksdag demanding that another fighter group should be formed. It undoubtedly will be—but the planes must be bought first. Until Sweden has at least another fighter group and its personnel are fully trained she would be unwise if she risked conclusions with her great neighbour in the South.

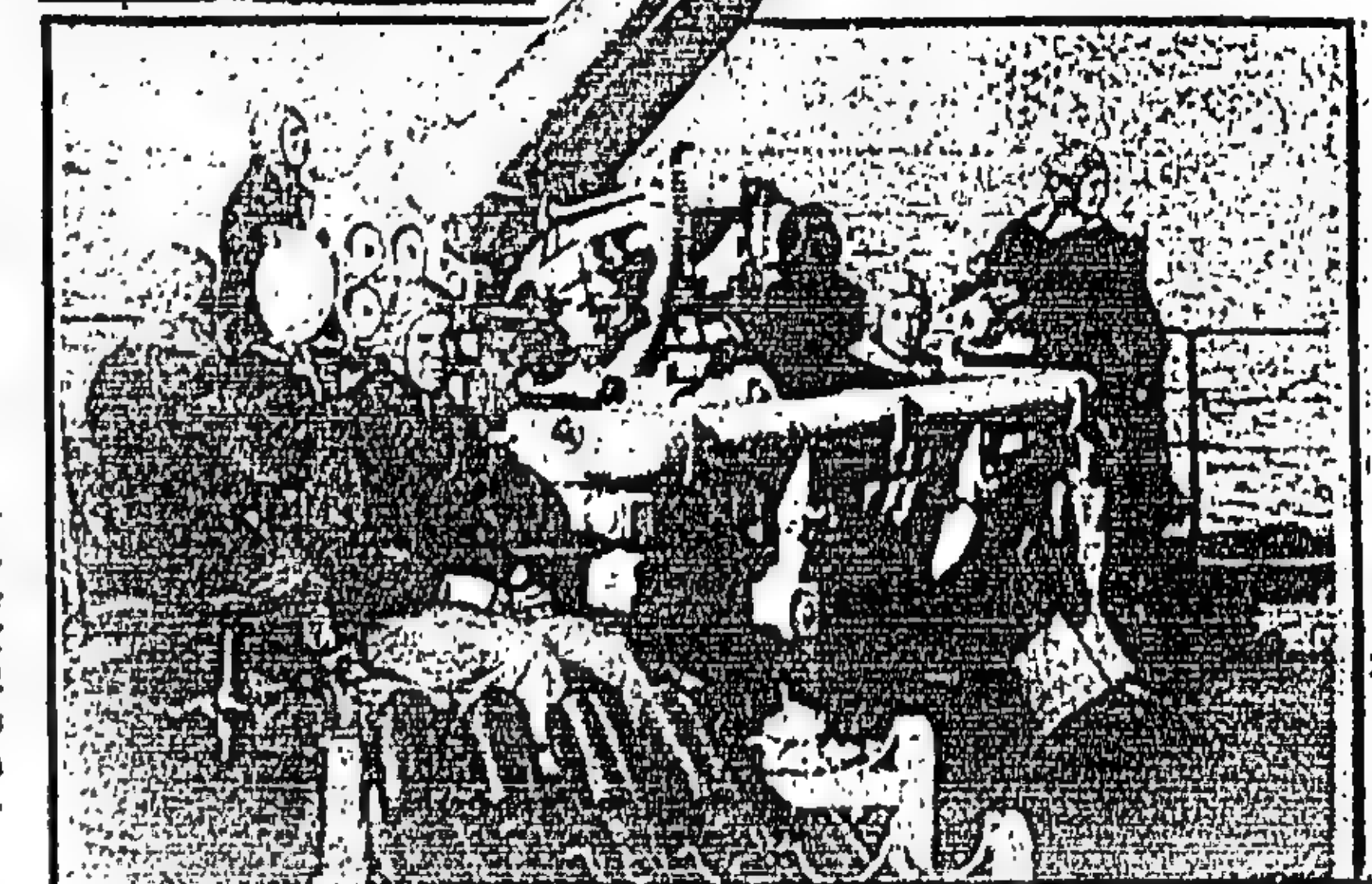
With the example of Poland before her, she will in any case take no risks until she is convinced that, if attack threatens, Britain and France will engage the bulk of the German forces in the West. That is the very kernel of her defence problem.

Yet he would be unwise who did not think Sweden strong. After Italy and Turkey she is the most powerful of the non-belligerent States in Europe to-day—by position, reputation, tradition and the spirit to defend her rights. She does not want to fight Germany, but she is determined to do her utmost, which is more than most people think, to bar the old foe, Russia, on the Finnish border. It is 125 years since the



IN SWEDEN THEY'RE READY

The Swedes anxiously watch events in neighbouring Norway. Sweden fears that she may be dragged into the war and is evacuating border towns. If war does come Sweden is ready, as this naval A.A. gun-team shows.



Munition Routes To China

What effect has the war in Europe had on the other—almost forgotten—war in China? Wilbur Burton, special correspondent of the New York Post, has written this article.

He points out that, despite the fall of Nanning, supplies for the Chinese army still flow in from French Indo-China, from British Burma, and from Russia. He tells to-day what the Japanese must do in order to close the French route, and why they probably cannot close the Burma road.

Despite the war in Europe and despite the capture of Nanning by the Japanese, supplies for the Chinese armies of General Chiang Kai-shek are still flowing northward into Central China from French Indo-China.

Shipments over the route from the port of Haiphong to Chungking are still moving freely, and in greater quantities than the British shipments through Burma. Although by taking Nanning, the Japanese have cut the main road up from Indo-China, there are other, though poorer, roads farther west and traffic in vast quantities has already been diverted to them.

Two Courses Open

To sever the Indo-China supply line completely the Japanese must do one of two things. Either they must extend their military control more than a hundred miles westward, to take in the smaller side roads, or they must once more frighten the French into banning transit of military supplies through Indo-China.

French policy on arms shipments has been very erratic. At times military shipments have been almost completely stopped, and at other times the only question has been the making of proper financial arrangements. Lately the trade has been booming and port facilities at Haiphong have been

Swedes have fought, and they have no aggressive aim. But there is a spirit of military pride in them which recalls the days of Gustavus Adolphus and drubbings delivered by the Swedish infantry.

SWEDEN'S natural posture for defence might be envied by most other neutrals. In food she is self-sufficient. All that she need import in order to wage a war are rubber, carburetors and some special chemicals and metals, of which she has already laid up certain reserves. She has miscalculated a little over coke and coal, it is true, and is feeling the pinch to-day, but only in a way which probably does some good, for it reduces an overhigh standard of domestic comfort.

She has within her borders the finest iron in the world, and therefore the most desirable raw material for armaments. By the process of the Northern collaboration she can mix it with Norwegian chrome. She makes all her own guns and ammunition, even of the most advanced kinds.

Her reserves in gold, &c., are more than £125,000,000, and her payments on State loans less than the State itself makes out of public enterprise. The Swedish population, above all, is both racially homogeneous and socially united. It can and will defend its interests. The country that attacks Sweden will find that it has bitten off more than can be chewed.

so overtaxed that normal trade has been interrupted.

This has all been very profitable to the French, and potentially very dangerous, too.

With the Japanese holding the nearby island of Hainan, Indo-China is in bad strategic position. It has never been garrisoned for defence against external assault and there are virtually no border defences. Even in normal times, the French, unlike the British, lack a navy adequate for the defence of their Far Eastern Empire.

The Japanese advance from Pak-hoi, on the coast, to Nanning involved only a limited number of troops, not more than 40,000, mostly withdrawn from the area around Canton and Hongkong.

In view of Japanese naval strength, taking Pak-hoi was easy enough, but reaching Nanning so quickly over a zone too hostile to terrain was in striking contrast to the failure at Changsha only a few weeks before.

The Chinese evidently were caught unprepared in an area that should have been well defended.

In any event, French Indo-China is only one of the three inlets from the world for Chiang Kai-shek. Another, from the Soviet Union, is beyond Japanese military power to sever in the near future, but what may happen diplomatically on this front is another question.

That right now can't be answered. The third inlet, through British Burma, is potentially the most important of all, and there is no indication that it will be cut off by either military action or diplomacy.

The Japanese diplomatic effort to reach a better understanding with Britain has been in progress ever since the European war started.

For their part, the British have made some gestures, too. Here in Hongkong, for instance, the British censors will no longer allow the Chinese press to refer to Japan as "the enemy," nor to Wang Ching-wei, potential head of a new government, as a "puppet or a traitor."

But the British have put no ban on Chinese billingsgate when it is applied to those Chinese who work under Tokio's orders in the regimes at Peking or Nanking. Nor is there any limitation on propaganda in behalf of Chiang Kai-shek, who, incidentally, has returned that favour through the installation of a branch of the British Ministry of Information, the war propaganda bureau at Chungking.

There is no indication whatever that any British-Japanese understanding will curtail the present uninterrupted flow of supplies for Chiang Kai-shek over the Burma road.

HITLER BELIEVED READY TO LAUNCH 'BLITZKRIEG' AGAINST THE LOWLANDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 15 (Domei).—Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands are believed to be facing the gravest threat to their independence since the outbreak of war in Europe.

The German propaganda machine has commenced the time-honoured Nazi tactics of working the people into a frenzy against Germany's "enemies." Sweden is at present bearing the brunt of the Nazi propaganda campaign in which Goebbels is apparently attempting to create sufficient "incidents" to give the Nazis the excuse they need for further violations of neutral territories.

Simultaneously with the anti-Swedish press campaign, Germany has requested Sweden to prohibit the publication of all reports favouring Norway's resistance!

It is believed that the next step will be a Nazi demand that Sweden institute a strict censorship over all newspapers and broadcasting stations.

Aware Of Danger
Sweden is well aware of the danger with which she is faced, and is rapidly completing her defence preparations. Civilian populations have been evacuated from the danger areas opposite Denmark, from where the Nazi attack, if it comes, is expected to be launched.

Further westwards, both Holland and Belgium are rapidly completing their defence measures, not only along their common frontiers with Germany but also along their seaboard, which may be attacked from the Danish coast.

Amsterdam is buzzing with rumours that a "fifth column" is already in existence in Holland, ready to sabotage the Dutch defences as soon as the Nazis move across the frontier. All main highways in Belgium and Holland are now mined, another report states.

Ingenious Move By Swedes
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—Swedish authorities have adopted an ingenious device to prevent enemy planes from landing in Sweden.

Motor vehicles are being spread over the aerodromes, and these will prevent planes from landing. However, they will not stop Swedish machines from landing or taking off as when such occasion is required, the motor vehicles will be driven to the edge of the fields, and after Swedish planes have landed or taken off, the cars will again be placed on the fields.

Dutch Fear Heightened
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—Dutch uneasiness was intensified over the week-end by the sensational emphasis laid by the Nazi Press on the American newspaper's suggestion that British troops might be en route to Holland, and also by a German news agency message accusing the Dutch Press of lying about the torpedoing of the Arendskerik.

Troops with fixed bayonets and machine guns are patrolling the streets of The Hague and other Dutch cities after dark, while a notice has appeared in frontier districts warning the population to stay at home after 8 p.m. and that their telephone would be cut off at night and their roads blocked.

The Narvik battle has made a deep impression on the Dutch people, who had begun to feel that the Allies might wait too long before acting in Scandinavia.

The news is prominently published in the newspapers.

No Illusions
LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—"Few people can have illusions about where the real danger to Holland lies," stated authoritative circles here to-day in replying to fresh German allegations that the Allies have planned to violate Holland's neutrality based on a report by columnists in an American evening newspaper.

The columnists suggested the possibility of a British landing on the Dutch coast.

"The German stories are pure inventions of the most absurd character which will not be believed anywhere outside the Third Reich," concludes the statement.

Troops Stand By
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (UP).—Hundreds of thousands of Dutch troops stood to arms to-day as the Government prepared against the possibility of invasion.

Control of the eastern frontiers has been tightened and whole regiments of reinforcements have arrived in the coastal areas.

The Hague was cordoned off by troops throughout to-night.

All other important towns throughout the country have been ringed by soldiers, who are also patrolling the main roads and manning all bridges with machine guns.

"United Press" was officially informed that all these measures are purely precautionary.

H.K. RESIDENTS ROBBED
Mr. Ildefonso of 2 Salisbury Road has reported to the police that in the early hours of the morning of April 14 some person entered his bedroom through an open window and stole a diamond ring valued at \$400, an amethyst gold ring valued at \$75, a platinum ring valued at \$30, a brooch valued at \$10, and \$30 in Hongkong currency.

A thief managed to steal a quantity of clothing belonging to Mr. J. H. Gilling from his locked car parked in Connought Road near the Star Ferry on Saturday.

NAZIS TRYING TO KILL HAAKON

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—The Foreign Office announces that the Norwegian Government has informed that German aircraft evidently have orders to attack the King of Norway personally, as they are bombing every successive place at which he stays in.

The action follows the refusal of King Haakon to negotiate in person with the German Minister at Oslo.

HITLER'S MAD ESCAPADE

Stands To Lose All By Norwegian Campaign

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—The German invasion of Scandinavia is thought in informed quarters in London to be susceptible of two interpretations, says "Reuters's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The first is that it is only the first instalment of a larger plan of aggression and may be intended to divert the Allies into a rat hunt through the Norwegian fjords whilst greater armies are set in motion elsewhere.

The second is that it is an isolated move.

If the former conjecture is correct, then Hitler is obliging the Allies by undertaking at last what they have always wanted from him, namely, a campaign on two fronts.

The Allies are ready for Hitler even if he should break out on several fronts simultaneously.

Car Plunges Over Bank

Miraculous Escape For Six Passengers

A motor car plunged over the embankment on the Customs Pass Road, Kowloon City, yesterday, when the driver was unable to check the vehicle's speed as it was proceeding down the slope.

The car, No. 2854, had six passengers and was driven by Lam Kwan. When about 100 yards from the dairy Lam put on all the brakes in an effort to check the car's speed. The vehicle swerved and crashed over the embankment.

Luckily, none of the passengers or the driver were injured, but the car was badly damaged.

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RELEASED GERMANS ARRESTED

Charged With Being Vagrants

Two Germans, Askar Grosz, 35, and Walter Katz, 22, from the German internment camp in Boundary Street, were charged before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with being vagrants on April 13.

Grosz admitted the charge and said he had no money and no employment.

Katz said he had \$17.50 Chinese currency and \$8 Hongkong currency but had no employment. He added that he had some money in a bank in Shanghai.

Released, Arrested
Det.-Sgt. Taylor, of the Special Branch, said the two men were released from the Internment Camp on the morning of April 13. He arrested them on instructions because they had no money and employment.

Mr. Edwards: Why was Katz arrested. He has money to subsist for a long time?

Sgt. Taylor: I arrested him on instructions.

Charge Withdrawn
Sgt. Taylor then asked the charge against Katz be withdrawn. This was granted and Katz was discharged.

Grosz was committed to the House of Detention until he is sent to Shanghai.

Planes Crash In Flames

British And Germans Suffer Losses

THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—It is officially announced here that a British bomber has crashed in flames on Dutch territory near the village of Babberich, close to the German frontier. The plane crashed after a fight with German machines.

The flight occurred over German territory as far as could be ascertained.

An inquiry is being held into the case.

Nazis Also Lose Plane
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—A wireless report states that a German three-engine aeroplane crashed on the mountainside and caught fire after flying over the town of Uddevalla to-day.

The report adds that a Junker machine made a forced landing in the western part of Sweden.

Sequel To Dog-Fight
THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—The British bomber which crashed in Dutch territory was one of two Royal Air Force bombers which had engaged in a fierce battle with three German fighters near the Dutch frontier.

One bomber got away and the fighters concentrated on the other, which was finally shot down and immediately burst into flames so fierce that it was impossible to rescue the occupants.

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CHINESE ARMY SUES HONGKONG TRADER

Claim For Return Of \$190,000 Upheld By Court

THE HEADQUARTERS of the Fourth Route Army, now known as the 12th Army Group, brought an action against Henri Krebs, trading as Maurice Augsburg and Co., before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning, for the return of \$190,000 in connection with the sale of 10,000 gasmasks.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Geo. K. Hall Brutton and Co., appeared for plaintiffs. Defendant was absent and it was stated that his solicitors, Messrs. Deacons, had received no further instructions from him.

Breach Of Contract
Mr. Potter said the claim arose out of a breach of contract entered into by both parties in 1938 for the delivery of 10,000 gasmasks, for which plaintiffs paid \$190,000 into a bank on behalf of defendant.

The defence admitted the breach of contract but did not admit that plaintiffs were a department of the Republic of China and raised a set-off which was struck off subsequently.

Evidence would be given, added Mr. Potter, to prove that plaintiffs were a department of the Republic of China and as such were entitled to sue under their own name.

Mr. J. Watson, First Clerk of the Colonial Secretariat, produced a document received from the Chinese Foreign Office at Chungking regarding the status of the Fourth Route Army.

Colonel's Evidence
Colonel T. S. Wong, of the Fourth Route Army, said the Corps was established in 1936. He produced four documents from the Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission appointing General Yu Hon-ming as Commander-in-Chief of the Corps, ordering him to re-organise the Corps and appointing him as Commander-in-Chief of the 12th Army Group.

The Fourth Route Army, which had since been changed to the 12th Army Group, was a department of the Republic of China, having its own headquarters and treasury as well as running the whole of the military organisation in Kwangtung.

Mr. Tung-fan Lo, barrister-at-law and former legal expert to the Legislative Yuan at Nanking said he was familiar with the position of the Fourth Route Army and from his knowledge it was a department of the Republic of China. It was the highest military organisation functioning in Canton before the fall of the city.

A department of this kind, which was not incorporated, had the right to sue according to the laws of China. It was not a juridical person because it was not incorporated in the Civil Code but it was referred to as a public body and as such it was entitled to sue as a department.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs, with costs.

Earlier Case Recalled
It may be remembered that in July last, Krebs brought an appeal against a decision of Mr. Justice Lindsell ordering that part of his statement of account be struck out. That part of the statement in question pleaded a set-off in respect of \$242,000 which Krebs said was due to him in connection with the sale of 8,000 75 mm. shells to plaintiffs.

Mr. Justice Lindsell ordered the statement to be struck out on the grounds that it was vexatious, frivolous and, therefore, an abuse of the process of the Court.

It was then stated that the gasmasks, which formed the subject of the present action, were actually delivered but were not accepted because they were not in accordance with the samples.

Wang Returns To Nanking
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, April 15 (UP).—"Central China Daily News" states that Wang Ching-wei has returned to Nanking from his inspection tour of Canton.

He made a broadcast last night praising the Cantonese for "their support."

CHARGED WITH DESERTING POLICE FORCE SIXTEEN YEARS AGO

Alleged to have deserted from the Hongkong Police Force in 1924, Leung Sam, 37, appeared before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day charged with desertion, theft of an army coat and a mackintosh from No. 353 Prince Edward Road on April 13, receiving stolen property, and assaulting Wu Ping-hing at Spring Garden Lane on October 25, 1924.

Leung was described as having force on November 18, 1924. No bona fide police certificate was given, and alleged to have deserted from the Leung was remanded for two days.

Exchange At A Glance

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| T.T. Shanghai | 350 |
| T.T. Singapore | 52 1/2 |
| T.T. Japan | 92 |
| T.T. India | 82 1/2 |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 21 1/2 |
| T.T. Manila | 43 |
| T.T. Batavia | 30 1/2 |
| T.T. Bangkok | 150 |
| T.T. Saigon | 108 1/2 |
| T.T. France | 10 1/2 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 95 |
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HITLER'S BLUNDER

Exports Lose Respect For Nazi Strategy

LONDON, Apr. 14 (British Wireless).—The fact that the Germans are still in possession of Bergen and Trondheim arouses no special anxiety in authoritative quarters. It is recognised that the importance of evicting the Germans from these ports, in which they are isolated, is of secondary significance compared with the task of destroying the German Fleet, with which such satisfactory progress has been reported.

The complete severance of sea communications of these Nazi forces with Germany now seems to be assured.

In naval quarters here, respect for German naval strategists has been greatly lowered by last week's striking demonstrations of their failure to understand the basic principles on which success in sea warfare is based.

Driven Into Mad Action?
The "Sunday Times" naval correspondent says that the prime errors were obvious within 24 hours. The invasion was undertaken across waters, of which the German Navy not only did not have command, but also did not have even temporary command; and secondly the invading forces, both naval and military, were divided up into small raiding parties aimed at the Norwegian communities makes clear, at no fewer than eight different points, distributed over as much as 1,000 miles.

It is charitably assumed by students of naval warfare here that Hitler was driven into action by the need to supply his public with new sensations and that the German naval staff cannot have failed to warn him of the danger of the enterprises.

The events are regarded as lending colour to reports, hitherto treated with reserve, that Grand Admiral Raeder, the Nazi naval chief, has fallen into disfavour for the vehemence with which he advanced his arguments against the project.

Demobilisation Of Danish Army

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BERLIN, April 15 (UP).—DNB reports that the demobilisation of the Danish Army has commenced.

Important coastal points in Denmark have been prepared against a possible Allied attack, the report adds.

Another Raid On Stavanger

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announces that at dawn again to-day British aircraft made a low flying attack on Stavanger aerodrome, the hangar and runway.

A number of enemy aircraft were damaged.

A further attack was made on the enemy in Hafford where a number of seaplanes which were moored in the water were machine-gunned. The enemy machine-gun post was silenced.

SECURITIES FOR THE TREASURY

LONDON, Apr. 14 (British Wireless).—By an order just issued, 117 U.S.A. dollar securities are transferred to Treasury control.

This action was forecast in the first vesting order issued in respect of 60 similar securities. The price paid by the Treasury to holders is the market price ruling on April 14.

THE TIE WITHOUT A HANGOVER

Wembley Cravats

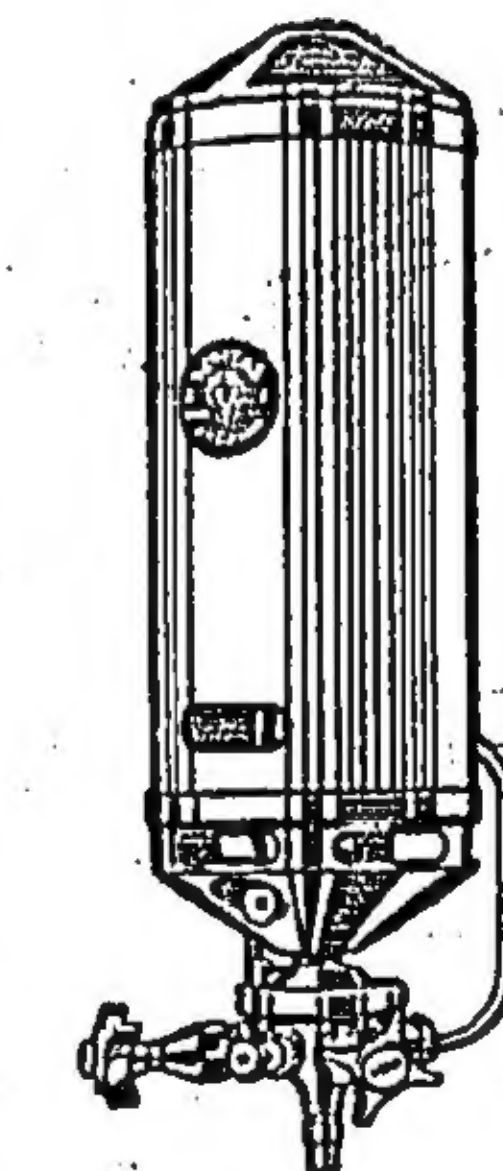
There's no "morning after" look to a Wembley Cravat. Knot it, fast it, crush it, tie it again and again, the cravats are out in the morning.

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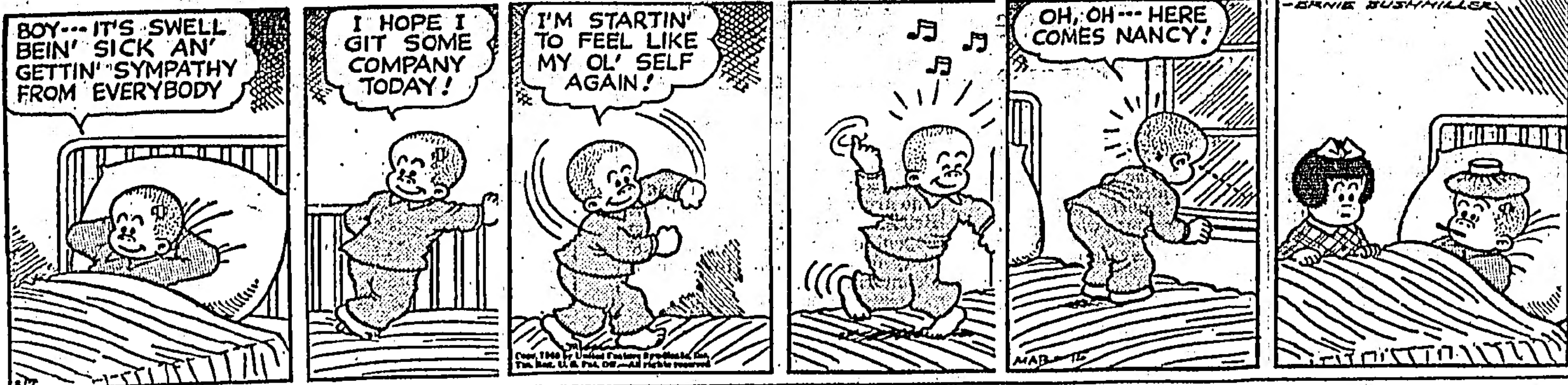
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NANCY



Hotel Girl From Germany Arrested

A SLIM, fair-haired girl who had been the receptionist in the New Norfolk Hotel, Praed-street, Paddington, W., for two months, charmed visitors and staff.

Recently her place was taken by another woman, and enquiries were surprised to learn that she had been arrested under the Defence Regulations.

Miss Rose Falkner, about 33 years old, had told people that she was imprisoned in Germany at the start of the war.

"All Liked Her"

As one of a party of English-women she had been repatriated to England, where she was born.

Her father was German, she said; her mother British. Both were in Germany now.

But she told everyone that she had no interest in politics and that all her sympathies were with Britain. "She was a pleasant, happy-go-lucky sort of girl, and we all liked her," one of the porters said.

"She showed no emotion when two Scotland Yard men came to arrest her. "She went up and packed some clothes into a bag, then went off with them in a police car."

Good At Her Job

The manager said he knew nothing of Miss Falkner's personal affairs. "Her references were all right, and her work was first class, and that is all I bothered about," he said. Defence Regulation 18 B, under which Miss Falkner was arrested, gives power to the Home Secretary to order the detention of anybody if he is satisfied that this is necessary to prevent the person acting in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the defence of the Realm. Detention under this regulation is "for custodial purposes only, and not for any punitive purposes."

Confessed To Perfect Crime, Then Escaped

PARIS. ROGER CHARTIER, 26-year-old amateur detective, of Chartres, alleged to have turned murderer by poisoning the mother of his friend and committing "the perfect crime," is being sought by police throughout France.

While being questioned at the police station he leaped from the ground floor window and disappeared.

In a diary found by the police Chartier is said to have described the mistakes of criminals and his own in great detail, together with every detail of "the perfect crime."

Plunged Into Her Heart

The notes even included conversations with the woman, 62-year-old Madame Hubin, and told how she gave her an injection of hydrocyanic (prussic) acid which had been stolen from a laboratory at Chartres and kept in his room.

According to the police, Chartier murdered Madame Hubin after hearing her scolding her daughter for going about with him.

He went to the laboratory he had set up in his home, and filled a hypodermic syringe with the acid. Returning to his friend's house Chartier found Madame Hubin alone in the kitchen washing dishes. He is stated to have held her with his left hand and with his right to have plunged the needle three times into the region of her heart.

The police say that, not content with committing "the perfect crime," and writing an entire account of it in his diary, which he concealed in his room, Chartier began to give to friends and relatives guarded hints of what he had done. An anonymous letter led to his arrest.

AMBASSADOR TO AUSSIE



EXPLOITS OF EVELYN, 17

WHEN a seventeen-year-old factory girl, said to be "fond of visiting exotic hotel lounges and seeking the company of R.A.F. officers," was accused at Chester of stealing a watch, police alleged that she—

Joined the W.A.A.F. last year but was dismissed as under age on staying away from her billet.

Told fantastic stories of family wealth and position. Bought a "wedding" ring and stayed at hotels with a man.

The girl, Evelyn Mary Hiley, of Philip-street, Hoole, Chester, who appeared unconcerned as her exploits were related, was remanded in custody with a view to her being sent to a Manchester home for six months.

"Not Good Enough"

She admitted stealing the watch from a fellow employee at a local works. Chief-Inspector Mackay said the girl was placed on probation last November for stealing a dress from a hotel.

Her parents were respectable people, but she frequently said her home was not good enough for her.

She associated with R.A.F. men, visiting leading hotels in Chester. After spending an evening with a man, she would be escorted to a large house which she pretended was her home. After being left at the front door, she would make her way to her real home in a working-class district.

The girl had also given her address as a large private house, where she would call for letters.

On February 6 she was reported missing from home. Three days later she called at Chester police office and asked a detective not to disclose her identity to a man with whom she had been away.

Stayed At Hotels

She was using the name Penelope Hiley, giving an address and telephone number in County Antrim. She stayed the night with a man at a Chester hotel on February 3, later visited a Woolworth's store and bought a ring intended to resemble a wedding ring, then stayed with the man two nights at a Liverpool hotel under the names Mr. and Mrs. Smith. When their funds were exhausted they returned to Chester and stayed at another hotel.

The girl was described as an expert sneak-thief and inveterate liar. She had played upon the sympathy of her parents.

Freddie Gets An Injunction

FREDDIE BARTHOLOMEW has been granted an injunction which forbids his parents and their lawyers from pressing financial suits against him, says a Los Angeles message. This halts three suits—one for £250,000 brought by his parents, another for £10,000, and a third for £1,500 for lawyer's fees.

HIS BRIDE --SISTER

AN orphaned boy and girl, who learned that they were brother and sister shortly after they were married, will be separated permanently, despite the fact that they are expecting a child.

While at a home she inflicted superficial injuries to her throat, forehead and wrists and had to be taken to hospital. Evelyn had nothing to say for herself in court.

The couple, Leroy Williamson, twenty, and his bride, Virginia, eighteen, insisted to the Juvenile Court of Indianapolis, U.S.A., that they were not related.

They were married on January 6, in spite of the protests of Virginia's foster-parents that they were in close blood-relationship. Judge Bradshaw, of the Juvenile Court, ordered the couple to be separated temporarily while an investigation of court records, birth certificates and orphanage records was carried out.

Missing links in the history of Leroy and Virginia were supplied by Mrs. Crystal Clair Harker, of Urbana, Ill., who said she was their maternal aunt.

Wards Of Court

Mrs. Harker said her sister, Helen Williamson, gave birth to a son in 1919 at Indianapolis. She was unmarried at the time, and the son lived with her until 1924, when she died.

He then became a ward of the Juvenile Court. That child is Leroy, Mrs. Harker said.

In April, 1921, Helen Williamson bore a daughter. Mrs. Harker said that her sister signed a petition which made this child also a ward of the Court.

The daughter was first named Crystal Westfield, but when she was placed in an orphan's home a few days later she was named Crystal Clair Williamson. Subsequently she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wolfe, and was given the name Virginia Wolfe.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE RESERVISTS

DARWIN ROMANCE

ROMANCE was at the end of a record long distance flight for Wing Commander Richard Kellett, R.A.F.

This was revealed in the announcement on Monday by Miss Dorothy Abbott, the younger daughter of the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Mr. C. Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, of her engagement to Wing Commander Kellett.

It was Wing Commander Kellett, who as Squadron Leader, led the R.A.F. Vickers Wellington bombers in November, 1938, on the record hop from Egypt to Darwin.

Miss Abbott met Wing Commander Kellett at Darwin when the bombers landed here. He and his brother officers were the guests of her father at Government House. She renewed the acquaintance in September last, when she visited London.

Wing Commander Kellett distinguished himself recently when he led a raid by British bombers on Heligoland.

KOSCIUSKO

TO commemorate the centenary of the ascent of Australia's highest mountain by Count Strzelecki, a large bronze tablet, was unveiled on the summit of Mt. Kosciuszko, yesterday. The mountain was named after the Polish leader, by Strzelecki, whose own name is perpetuated in the Strzelecki range in Victoria.

The unveiling was performed by the Consul-General for Poland (Mr. L. de Nowowski).

VICTORIAN POLITICS

Efforts are still being made to induce a member of the State Cabinet to oppose Mr. Dunstan in the leadership of the Government and of the parliamentary group of the United Country Party.

It was reported in State Parliamentary circles that since two members approached some time ago and rejected the proposals, overtures have been made to a third member. At least one private member of the Parliament also has been approached in an effort to persuade him to withdraw his support from the Premier. It was hinted to him that if he refused to do so he would be opposed in his electorate.

PRICE OF FOOD

Despite the increased cost of living in other directions, food prices in Australia have actually dropped since the war. This is revealed in latest retail price indices issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Wilson). They show that last January food was on an average 4 per cent. cheaper than in December and 14 per cent. cheaper than in January, 1939. Decreases last January were most substantial in Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia, but in Queensland there was a two per cent. main items substantially dearer.

HIGH ESTATE

Estate for probate at £160,000 was left in Victoria by the late Archibald Garrie, of Toorak and Benalla, grazier. Subject to certain legacies the estates go to the widow and daughters.

SYDNEY'S DRY TIME

The present dry spell in Sydney, is the worst for 65 years, and has been

surpassed on only two occasions in the past 90 years.

Gardening experts say that the drought has reached almost unparalleled seriousness along the coast-line. Sydney particularly feeling the effects, which have been aggravated by frequent westerly winds during and since last winter. The Hunter Valley, is also drought stricken.

COMMUNISTS STONED

MELBOURNE. Tomatoes, stones and thick tree branches were thrown at Communists speakers at the Yarra Bank on Sunday afternoon. Intervention by squads of police on many occasions saved nasty incidents from developing into fights. There were 120 police controlling the crowd, which was estimated at 6,000. A man, who tried to climb over the Communist fence, was hauled by police. When he resisted them, he was struck on the head with a baton and knocked out. He was admitted to hospital suffering concussion.

The meeting had been in progress for an hour when the trouble started. Soldiers commenced organised heckling and shouting out. At the end of another hour, Communists packed up and prepared to leave. Most of them showed signs of battle, the majority were covered with tomatoes. As a truck moved off, a section of the onlookers became hostile and moved in a threatening way towards the slowly moving truck, which was surrounded by a cordon of police with batons drawn.

As the truck passed under some trees, children in the trees showered rocks, tomatoes, and other missiles at the truck. The Communists had no protection in the truck and used their arms to ward off the flying stones.

Inventor Becomes A Soviet Hero

MOSCOW. M. VASSILI DEGTYAREV has been made Hero of the Soviet Union, the Order of Lenin, and awarded a premium of 50,000 rubles (about £2,000) for outstanding services in designing rock and highly important models of Red Army armament.

Commenting on the award "Izvestia" writes "Degt'yarev's inventions have been of great importance in enhancing the technical might of the Red Army."

"The infantry, aviation and tank troops have received armaments by no means inferior and in certain respects surpassing the best foreign models."

Degt'yarev invented and constructed the light machine-gun generally used by the Red Army since 1927 and also machine-guns for tanks and aeroplanes.—Reuter.

[FACTS—Hero of the Soviet Union, Russia's "highest honour." Recipients also receive Order of Lenin and are entitled "to enter a train on front platform." Given to shock workers; can only be taken away by Central Executive Committee.]



There's A Song About Rationing

IT'S A SALVATION ARMY "HIT"

THE Salvation Army is on top of the news.

In the last issue of "War Cry" appears a topical song inspired by rationing.

Its title is "You can't ration sunshine," and its lyric-writer and composer is Oliver Cooke, a retired Songster-leader of the Army, who lives in Southend-on-sea, Chafford, S.E.

Catchy

Here is the catchy refrain: "You can't ration sunshine, you can't ration rain! You can't ration that which gives the bright golden grain! There's plenty in store—there's enough and to spare! The rich man, the poor man can have an equal share. So there's no cause for worry—God's promises declare! That you can't ration sunshine or rain!"

His Hobby

Songster-leader Cooke used to be a collector for a gas company. He retired from that job about two years ago.

He used to play the organ and piano. Now he is crippled with arthritis and rheumatism—but he gives more spare time than ever to his hobby of composing.

He works in the real tradition of the first General Booth, who said, "Why should the Devil have all the good tunes?"

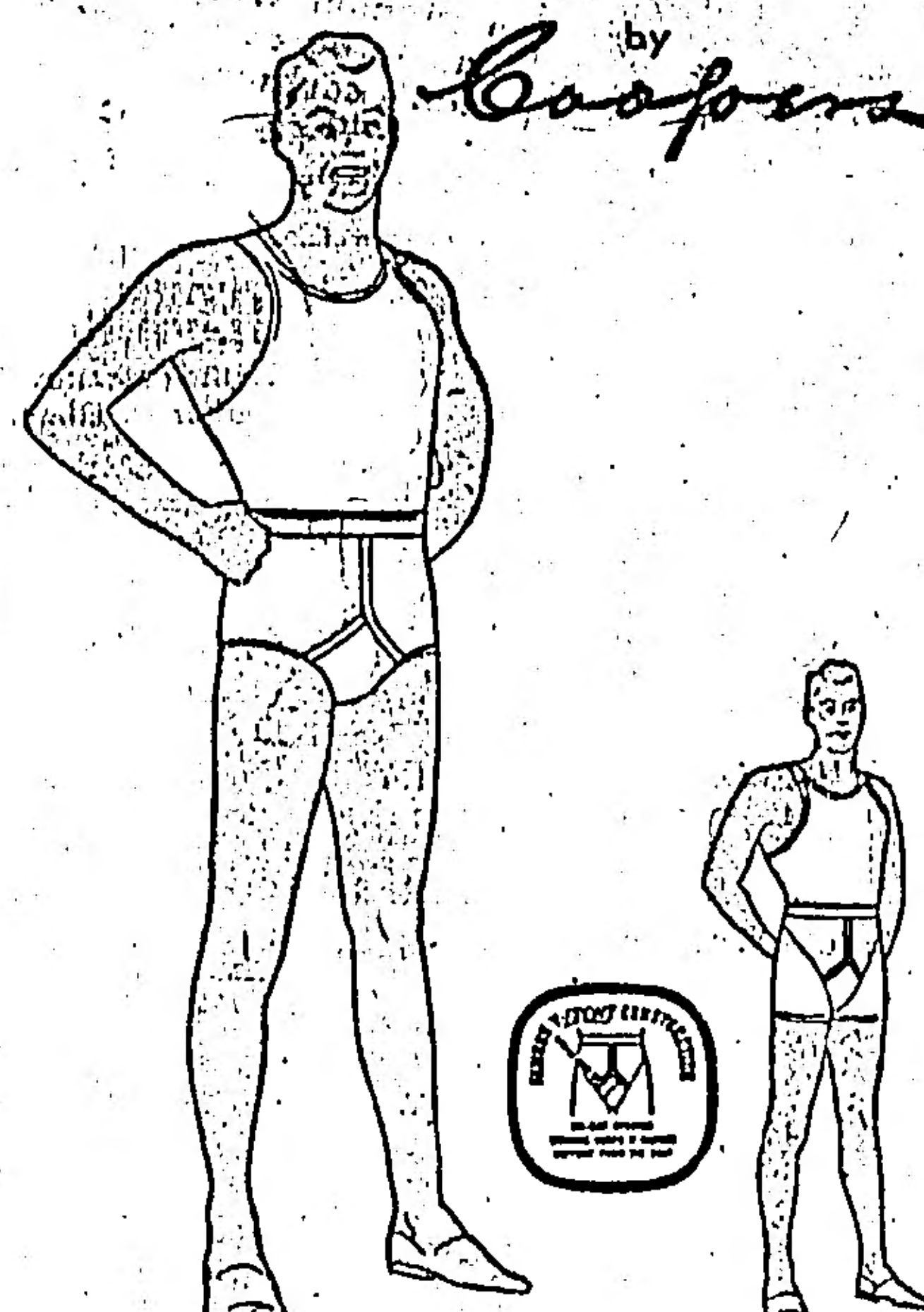
Inspiration

Songster-leader Cooke works quickly. He has written over 1,000 songs, and they have been translated into many languages. "I Know a Fount"—written on top of a bus—is the most popular so far.

As for "You can't ration sunshine," Songster-leader Cooke said: "It was just an idea I had at breakfast one morning."

"We were talking about rationing, so I sat down, and scribbled out a few words, then wrote the music. Now, then, all together—'You can't ration sunshine, You can't ration rain . . .'"

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- R020480—When you're away
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Britain's War Honours

Only Two Take No Regard Of Rank

LONDON, (UP).—Out of the 26 honours to be won in war time, there are only two given with no regard to rank, class, or income. They are the Victoria Cross and the Empire Gallantry Medal.

Both these medals may be awarded posthumously, and the Empire Gallantry medal is the highest award for gallantry other than the Victoria Cross.

The highest honour for service in, strictly speaking, the Order of Merit. Then follows the Order of the Bath. Next, The Order of the British Empire with its various divisions. Members of the merchant navy have been made officers of this order.

There are two awards which are exclusively naval. One is the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, the other the Distinguished Service Cross. The question of awards for the merchant service has raised a problem. The Germans must not be given an excuse for saying the merchant service is part of the navy, therefore, test merchant seamen fall into enemy hands, they must not be given a naval decoration.

Naval decorations are to be withheld from this order but it has been decided that they should be able to qualify for the Order of the British Empire in the civilian divisions.

Norwegians Resisting

LONDON, Apr. 14. The close contact which the Norwegian troops are keeping with the German forces is shown by a report received in London this afternoon that south-east of Oslo the Norwegians blew up a bridge just as the Germans were crossing. Many Germans were killed.—Reuter.

Germans Retreat
Paris, Apr. 14. According to a Stockholm despatch, following the fighting at Elidsvold, 40 miles north-east of Oslo, the Germans are reported to have been forced to retreat southwards. Over 1,000 Norwegian refugees crossed the Swedish frontier beyond Kongsvinger during the night.—Reuter.

Norwegians Attack
London, Apr. 14. The Exchange Telegraph's Stockholm correspondent reported that 20,000 Norwegians attacked the German forces at Oslo.—United Press.

TWO BIG ATTACKS

Paris, Apr. 14. The Western Front saw two big attacks yesterday. At dawn the Germans launched a well-prepared onslaught with a whole company. It was preceded by heavy artillery preparation including large calibre mortars and extended nearly a mile of front. The attackers reached barbed wire entanglements near the French lines where they were beaten off with heavy losses by French artillery and infantry fire.

West of the Vosges a flying squad delivered a bold attack and captured a German post. Details of this feat are not yet available.

There was also an engagement yesterday between French and German detachments who met in an abandoned village on the Meuse front. The body of a German officer who led yesterday's attack on an island in the Rhine has been found.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

DANISH VESSEL COMING Nazi Demand Ignored

DESPITE THE SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN A "UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE FROM MANILA THAT THE DANISH STEAMER PANAMA HAD DEFIED THE BRITISH CONSULAR SUGGESTION TO MAKE FOR A BRITISH PORT, THE HONGKONG BRANCH OF THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY INFORMS US THAT THE VESSEL IS ARRIVING IN HONGKONG TOMORROW MORNING IN CONFORMITY WITH THE BRITISH REQUEST.

The "United Press" message stated that the Panama had left Manila for the United States.

The Master of the vessel has telegraphed Hongkong, stating that he will arrive here tomorrow. This indicates that the ships of this company, one of the largest Danish ship-owners trading in the Far East, have no intention of obeying the Nazi demands that they should not put in to British ports.

The Panama is coming to Hongkong with the knowledge that she will be held here by the British authorities immediately she arrives.

Alert P.C.s Foil Thieves

Wanchai Pickpocketing Escapade Thwarted

The alertness of two plain-clothes policemen who were watching yesterday for pick-pockets among a crowd gathered around the booking-office at the main entrance to the Oriental Theatre, Wanchai, resulted in the arrest of two men who appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The men, both well-dressed in European clothing, were Lung Kau, 20, and Tsang Kwok-keung, 20, both unemployed. Lung was charged with the attempted theft of a wallet containing \$8 Hongkong and \$5.40 Chinese money from Cheung Sau, 36, a school-teacher, and Tsang with aiding and abetting.

Cheung said he had replaced his wallet in his hip pocket and fastened the pocket button after purchasing a ticket when he heard a cry of "Pick-pocket!" He turned around and saw Lung in a man's custody. On feeling his hip pocket, he discovered the wallet was still there but the button had been unfastened.

Acting Suspiciously

Detective Wan Tong said he noticed Lung and Tsang acting in a suspicious manner. They were peeping into people's pockets and exchanging remarks. He saw Lung approach Cheung, stand behind him and unfasten the man's hip pocket. He was about to seize Lung when Tsang was brought back by District Watchman No. 97.

Defendants denied committing the larceny but were convicted. Det.-Sgt. V. Morrison produced previous convictions against them.

Lung was sentenced to three months' hard labour and Tsang to two months.

RATIONING IN DENMARK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Radio-Copenhagen announces that the Danish Trade Minister has issued a decree stopping the manufacture of margarine and lard for the time being.

All further sales of margarine will be rationed as from to-day, each person to receive half a pound per day until May 1.

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Sir George Cunningham Buchanan, the internationally known engineer associated with big harbour, dock and river works in South Africa and South America.

COLDLY CORRECT

Nazi Treatment Of British Legation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (UP).—Squadron Leader Michaels, who arrived here to-day with the British Legation party from Copenhagen, told a dramatic story of the German invasion of Denmark.

"Our departure from Copenhagen was somewhat dramatic," he told "United Press."

"I must say that the German treatment of us at Copenhagen, as well as while we were on route to The Hague was correct—let me say coldly correct. This same courtesy was shown us on arrival at Bentheim, on the Dutch frontier."

Moving Leave-Taking
"Before our departure, King Christian of Denmark gave an audience to the British Minister. I understand there was a moving leave-taking."

Mr. Ronald Turnbull, the British Press Attaché at Copenhagen, said: "The German invasion was a complete surprise to everybody."

"It came on the day after I had become engaged to the daughter of the British Minister to Copenhagen and, naturally, at that moment I was thinking of things that had no connection with a Nazi invasion."

"I was with some friends when we were warned that the Germans were coming."

"I made immediate enquiries, and learned that others in the Legation had already been taken into custody by the Germans. The British Minister, Sir Neville Bland, and Lady Bland were taken by motor-car to the Citadel, as were the French and Polish Ministers."

Taken Into Custody
"As soon as I made myself known to the authorities I too, was taken into custody."

"I must say we were treated with courtesy, and were allowed to bring along what we wanted from the Legation despatch."

"Our departure from Copenhagen was a very formal affair. The railway station was full of Danish police and the public were not admitted. "German soldiers travelled with us as far as the border."

Leave For Brussels
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
THE HAGUE, Apr. 14 (UP).—The British Legation party from Copenhagen left here for Brussels this morning.

CHINESE CUSTOMS CHIEF

The Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Sir Frederick Moze arrived from Shanghai yesterday.

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U.S. May Be Dragged Into War, Paper Warns

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The Dutch newspaper "Volks" in discussing Mr. Winston Churchill's speech, says: "It is the British sobriety which appeals to us Netherlands and arouses confidence."

Agreeing with Mr. Churchill's conviction that Hitler committed a strategic error, the "Handelsblad" says: "It looks as if the growing persistence in Norway might be a danger to the Germans who may be cut off."

The destruction of the German destroyers at Narvik provides the chief war story in all the New York papers.

The "New York Times" says, "The warring nations are not alone in believing that their existence depends on the outcome of this war. Every neutral country, no matter how far from Europe or how determined they are to stay out of this war, must reassess its position in the light of the result of the German drive. Germany has now shown that she will not hesitate to crush any neutral in her path if by that she will gain a strategic advantage."

"Herald-Tribune's" Warning
"The war is coming closer to us every day," says the "Herald-Tribune."

A photograph in Saturday's Pictorial Supplement of the Hongkong Cadet Corps in the last war purported to show Mrs. John Fleming as one of the group. Actually, the lady was Mrs. W. N. Fleming.

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